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Presidential Address

By Sri. M. P. Singhal, The International Vice-President
To the 138th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society
Adyar, 26 December 2013

Dear Brothers, Sisters, friends and fellow members,

Let us move on and pay homage to Mrs Radha Burnier, who passed away on 31 October 2013. She addressed International Conventions for 33 consecutive years, 1980-2012. She has left a rich tradition of working with dignity, quiet dedication and simplicity.

Every Convention is an occasion for standing back as witness of the path so far treaded and the direction we are heading. There is an opportunity for course correction, and also to think what the Society must do now. The Society exists to transform humanity that would live to benefit mankind.

We have also the opportunity to allow the blessings from the Great Ones to fill us, and the whole of Nature to bring teachings of the source of life and love.

May those who are the embodiment of Love Immortal bless with their help and guidance this Society, founded to be a channel for their work. May They inspire it with their Wisdom, strengthen it with their Power, and energize it with their Activity.

I am happy to open this 138th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society.

HPB gave the philosophical and conceptual frame work which would guide the Theosophical Society to promote

universal brotherhood. The leaders who came later, took upon themselves the responsibility of amplifying and clarifying what HPB stood for. She stressed that practical brotherhood must continue to influence the mental climate of the world, so all members will not only know themselves as brothers, but act as such.

We are members of the TS. It is a great privilege for us. Its Objects are beautiful; its purpose is noble; and its literature is inspiring. Do we feel gratitude in our hearts for these things that we are enjoying? The human psychology is to ignore the obvious. Every TS journal has notes on Theosophy, the Theosophical Society, Freedom of Thought and the Objects. Do we carefully review and remind ourselves when we see them?

The Theosophical Society is an institution. The institution and its work is far more important than any individual working in it. This is seldom realized, for people work for individuals not the institution. We use a mirror to see our physical appearance. Similarly we should reflect our thoughts daily in the mirror of our conscience to see who we really are.

Our Society's Uniqueness:

The Theosophical Society has many unique features. It emphasizes the comparative study of religion, philosophy and science. Religion tells us our duty.

Philosophy moulds our minds and science tells us about the outer world that we perceive with our senses.

The Theosophical Society has no specified religious text, but has innumerable books on religious thought. It has no priest as such, but many wise people to teach. It has no defined tenets like other religions, but has three beautiful Objects which take us from particular to universal. It has no specified place of worship, but builds shrines of all faiths in its International Headquarters. The only religion that the Society proclaims is the quest for Truth, with its motto: 'There is no Religion Higher than Truth'. It respects all religious faiths, different cultures, values, view points and other diversities, without discrimination.

The Society has rich and inspiring literature whether in small booklets or large volumes. Some texts like *The Secret Doctrine* are so profound and complex that the beginner may be bewildered and finisher may feel frustrated. However small other books are, they are simple and instructive.

Some simple concepts from the book *Practical Occultism* of HPB are:

- Reflect upon the defects of your character.
- Spirit of Love and Truth, Justice and Wisdom, Goodness and Power should be our only true and permanent Love.
- To act and act wisely when the time for action comes; to wait and wait patiently when it is time for repose.
- Have patience, Candidate, as one who fears no failure, covets no success.

Another unique feature of the Society

is its three great truths, defining the basis of life's evolution. Its universal invocation is a pointer to the forces of hidden life, hidden light and hidden love uniting all in oneness. In spite of so many unique features built in the frame of TS, why are we unable to impact people. Why people shy away from us I fail to understand. But there must be a reason, perhaps several, which we need to find out.

Declining Membership

The membership peaked at 45,000 in 1928. It dropped to 31,000 in 1933. It rose slightly to 32,500 in 1980 and since then there has been a continuous drop in membership. It is about 25,000 in 2013. Should we allow this downward trend to continue? Some members feel that numbers are not important. It is the quality that we should worry about. While quality is certainly important, dropping trend cannot be ignored in a scenario where world population is rapidly growing. From 2 billion in 1930 it grew to 7.5 billion in 2012.

We also need a critical mass of minimum members for the Society's stability like seafaring vessels need a minimum ballast weight. Without a critical mass, there can be no critical momentum. The declining trend in membership may not be taken lightly. Perhaps, we must nurture and enthuse our members with energy and example of our life.

The Paradoxical World

This is beautifully captured in the words of American humorist, George Carlin:

We have taller buildings but shorter

tempers, wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We spend more but have less; we buy more but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense; more knowledge but less judgement; more experts, yet more problems; more medicine, but less wellness. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, drive too fast, stay up too late, get up too tired, watch TV too much, love and pray too seldom, and hate too often. We've learned to make a living, but not a life. We've added years of life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a neighbour. We've conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudices. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. These are the times of fast foods, and slow digestion; big men and small character; steep profits and shallow relationships; two incomes, but more divorce; fancier houses, but broken homes; more entertainments, but less happiness.

How are we going to harmonize these paradoxes? Perhaps we have to blend, synthesize or integrate Religion, Philosophy and Science.

The World of Over Population, Poverty, Pollution and Lopsided Development

The population is expected to rise to 8.1 billion in mid-2025 and 9.75 billion in mid-2050. There is poverty which is a

terrible social scourge. 46% of world income is owned by 20% of the wealthiest. Poverty is not natural. It is man made by the rich usurping wealth without sharing with poor people, sometimes paying less than they deserve. It is unethical. The two defining challenges of this century are overcoming poverty and managing climate change. It appears feasible to transform the poorest countries with proper management of natural resources. The world is suffering from intolerance, doubt, conflict and insecurity. Intolerance breeds violence. Can we have more mutual understanding, appreciation and adjustment?

Most members of the Theosophical Society, irrespective of their country, language or beliefs, reflect a rich Theosophical culture, of friendliness, mutual consideration, courtesy, patience, tolerance, acceptance and helpfulness. Therefore, nothing disappoints and disillusion outsiders more when some members behave arrogantly, unhelpfully or unkindly. We may remember that beautiful thoughts carry blessings, kind words lend strength and loving action reflects compassion.

We live in times where our scientifically trained graduates have no difficulty in recalling Newton's three laws of motion, but have no clue about the four Noble Truths of the Buddha. This has resulted in a lopsided development of humanity. Humanity is not merely the name of a species. It defines human values and sensitivity, his dignity and feelings, choosing ultimate good over sensual pleasures. It is necessary to ponder as to

what human values we should seek to preserve in this technological world and how that could be achieved?

What are We Expected to Do?

In *The Key to Theosophy*, HPB listed five points to help the Society's work; that are to study and comprehend the Theosophical doctrines, so they may teach others, especially the young people; to take every opportunity to talk to others and explain to them what Theosophy is and what it is not; to remove misconceptions and spread an interest in the subject; to assist in circulating our literature, by buying books when they have the means, by lending and giving them and by inducing their friends to do so; to defend this Society from the unjust aspersions cast upon it, by every legitimate device in their power. Finally and most important of all, by the example of our lives.

What is said is succinctly simple. It emphasizes comprehensive study of Theosophical truths, teaching those truths to the youth specially, living Theosophically and spreading Theosophical doctrines by our lives. The Theosophical Society is the vehicle of Theosophy. If the Society is strong, it will take Theosophy far and wide and spread it quickly.

From Good to Greatness

In today's world mediocrity is unacceptable. Even good is not considered good enough. We have to embrace greatness which requires self-motivated and self-disciplined workers, capable of continuous innovations. Besides a comprehensive knowledge of Theosophy, they have to be sensitive and effective communicators.

Those leaders who aim for greatness are dreamers first. Pursuing their dreams, they develop vision of the future. Vision becomes a concrete plan of action. Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr, and Nelson Mandela can perhaps be put in the category of dreamers, who ultimately became achievers. Martin Luther King Jr, had many dreams. His vision of freeing African-Americans inspired Rosa Parks who refused to vacate her seat meant for white people and that was the beginning of a crusade against discrimination. The momentum built slowly but finally brought victory.

Imagine that the Theosophical Society is a massive fly wheel. Our job is to induce motion by slowly pushing this fly wheel till it reaches a critical momentum after which it kicks in our favour, requiring very little effort. Members need to work with definiteness of purpose and deliberateness of action to reach such a momentum. Our long cherished vision of the TS as a corner stone, the foundation of future religions of humanity can perhaps be fulfilled if we remain focussed. Where there is a will there is a way. We want heroes who are self-motivated and can undertake any job for the benefit of mankind. They are the ones, who make people around them feel good by their cheerful and helpful temperament.

Proposal: What We Should Be Doing in the Next Three Years

i) Infrastructure is not in good shape. We should prepare a Hand Book of works that will include systems of inspection, maintenance, quality control and system of reporting at different levels. All works

requiring attention will be tackled under a three-year 'Works Programme' committing yearly financial resources through the instrument of the budget.

ii) Induction of youth in the TS is important in a world, where median age is twenty-eight years, i.e., about four billion people are young and below twenty-eight years. They have energy and innovative ideas. Experienced members should help in channelling their energies in productive ways. Youth complain that senior members do not practice what they teach; they do not have gratitude to those who gave us beautiful literature. Why other organizations are able to attract youth for their work, it is something for us to investigate and apply.

iii) Propagation of Theosophy is presently the biggest challenge of the Theosophical Society because only a few have comprehension of Theosophy and they do not possess communication skills. The Theosophical Order of Service in the present situation is a wonderful tool that can overcome the existing deficiency and make brotherhood real.

iv) Research and Technology: As one Master of Wisdom said, 'Modern Science is our best ally'. Let us nurture this idea to explore and improve our work. C. W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant employed clairvoyance as the method of examination, but suggested testing by other physical methods to reconfirm clairvoyant findings. We should maintain a register of technically qualified members and use their knowledge and

skills. We may provide a computer in Maintenance, Garden, Sanitation and Security departments.

v) To harness solar energy and reduce the carbon footprint to control adverse effects of climate change and thereby help intergenerational equity for future generations.

vi) Manpower review as regards numbers, competence, fair wages followed by development and reform.

Conclusion

If we stand united, acting impartially, keeping the interest of the TS uppermost in view, living and spreading the Theosophical doctrines, specially to the youth we can fulfill our great mission of transforming the humanity and thereby the whole world. In an inspiring message which Madame Blavatsky once gave, she said, 'There is no trial that spotless purity cannot pass through. There is no difficulty that strong intellect cannot surmount. For those who win onwards, there is reward past all telling, the power to bless and serve humanity. For those who fall, there are other lives in which success may come.'

We should pay greater attention to developing the TS as an institution for disseminating Theosophy. By developing core values of Will, Wisdom and Love, the cause of Theosophy can be advanced rapidly. Love inspires the will; the will directs the wisdom which enables us to help. As we see here, Love is the inspirational trigger and so more important of the three.

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All the National Societies of the TS Worldwide are divided into four Federations: Indo-Pacific, Pan-African, European and Inter American. The membership for three consecutive years is: 25,841; 25,141; and 24,901. There is a downward trend. Seventeen new Lodges have been opened this year — five in India, three in Russia, two each in New Zealand and Brazil and one each in Ukraine, Sweden, Bolivia, South Africa and Costa Rica. Ukraine has been upgraded to a Regional Association. Bangladesh, Russia, West and South West Asia including Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, China and Hong Kong are brought under Presidential Agencies. The International Secretary will be issuing necessary instructions regarding common format for annual report.

Indo-Pacific Federation: It has five full Sections and three Presidential Agencies. The membership of this Federation is 14,371.

Indian Section: It is the largest Section of Indo-Pacific Federation with a membership of 11,569 this year.

A Seminar on Environmental issues was organized at the Headquarters in August, 2013. The Section participated with Ramakrishna Mission to celebrate the 150th Birthday of Vivekananda. The 90th South Indian Conference was held in Adyar on *The Secret Doctrine*. The General Secretary was the Chief Guest in Utkal, Karnataka, Bihar and Marathi Federations. All four National Lecturers visited many Federations for sharing thoughts on Theosophy.

The Section's financial position is sound with a surplus income of 6.7

million rupees. Its monthly journal is circulated to 3,500 members. *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Key to Theosophy* will be completing 125 years in 2014 and the section is planning to undertake special programmes in the coming year.

Australian Section: The membership is 983. The Section published its national magazine every quarter. The Section convened its Annual Conference in January, 2013 at Melbourne with the theme, 'Theosophical insights and the contemporary world'. The Education and Training Committee developed a resource package for the Lodges (Branches), to organize work more efficiently. The Camp Bell Theosophical Research Library and Archives continues to receive the required resource materials. National and International Lecturers were to propagate theosophical work in the country. Programmes were organized at the Theosophical Education and Retreat Centre in Queensland and Canyonleigh. The General Secretary is aware of declining membership and suggests that it is important that we do not become complacent and remain inactive. She invites members' suggestions and assistance for this purpose.

New Zealand Section: The membership stands at 790 during the year. The Convention of 2013, in its 116th year, was held in Wellington with the theme, 'To know, to dare, to will and to be silent'. The Section magazine *Theosophia* is a quarterly one that keeps all members fully informed of the activities. There were two foreign visitors in the year. The Section's National Lecturers went around

the country sharing theosophical ideas. Two new branches are under formation while the branch at Omarau is closed. Members celebrated four important dates of TS. Website is updated.

Indonesian Section: The membership is 206 and has twenty-four lodges. It hosted the Indonesian Conference at Bali in 2013. There are some problems and issues in the Section that need to be sorted out. I have requested Vic Hao Chin Jr. to find out what is to be done whenever he goes there.

Philippines Section: There are 332 members. The Section has implemented a seven year programme and succeeded in doubling the number of Lodges and study groups. A resource lab has been created with online publishing and the Golden Link education system has been strengthened to implement training programme for TS members.

Other Societies: (a) Three countries are under Presidential Agency — Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and East and South-East Asia. Japan and Singapore have one Lodge each attached to Adyar.

(b) Pan-African Federation: There are three Sections and one Regional Agency. The membership is 671. In South Africa a study centre in Mozambique was upgraded as Maputo Lodge with twenty-three members.

East and Central African Section consists of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Zambia. This African Section held its 46th Convention from 17th to 20th May, 2013 at Nairobi with the theme, 'Integrity and Moral values in Today's World'. Mr Ebrony Peteli was elected as General

Secretary for a two year term. Five Lodges held meetings periodically. There are 173 members.

(c) European Federation: There are twenty-three countries in it including Ukraine, Russia, Wales and Slovenia. The membership is 5,484. There are eleven Sections, seven Regional Associations, three Presidential Agencies and one Lodge in Israel attached to Adyar.

French Section: Theosophical activities continued during the year. General Secretary with three council members visited Marseille to celebrate White Lotus Day and delivered a talk on 'Life and Human Phenomenon'. Public lectures were organized in other Lodges. National Convention was held from 29th to 30th June 2013, on the theme, 'Self Knowledge and Void without an End'.

Finnish Section: It has twenty-three Lodges and two study groups. Two Lodges were closed for lack of members. The membership is 420 this year. A Summer School was organized in June 2013 with Dr Bhupendra Vora as the Chief Guest from England. A Seminar on *The Secret Doctrine* was conducted by Mr Ingo de Jong. In July Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy gave talks in Helsinki on Where Theosophy Meets Krishnamurti and about the Olcott Education Society in Adyar.

Italian Section: The membership is 1035. There are thirty-four Lodges and nineteen Centres. It publishes a monthly magazine *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia*, 1,300 copies of which are distributed. Monthly News Letter goes to 2,000 members. The 99th Italian Conference

was held from 24th to 26th May, 2013 with the theme 'Karma and Theosophical Commitment'. It also organized a summer school of the Latin courses in Naarden ITC in August, 2013 with the subject 'From Knowledge to Wisdom: an open path and an endless journey'.

English Section: The membership is 1080, an increase of six over previous year. There is no detailed report from the Section.

Iceland Section: There are 407 members. Seven Lodges are active in the capital city and two outside the capital. The financial issues are continuing as local law prohibits TS from paying membership dues to Adyar in Foreign Exchange.

Inter-American Federation: It comprises of nineteen countries, including Canada, USA, Mexico, Cuba and Puerto Rico. There are five Sections, five Regional Agencies, seven Presidential Agencies and three Lodges of Croatia, Orlando and Equador.

American Section: Membership is 3,309, a gain of two over last year. Their resources are the Olcott library, the *Quest* quarterly magazine, the TPH and the Olcott National Center. Internet is driving the change in the reach to both members and public. Currently more than 2.5 billion people use internet worldwide. The archives department has received donations of paper from several donors.

Olcott hosted the third TOS Conference from 23rd to 26th July, 2013, with the theme, 'The TOS into the Future'. Over sixty delegates from thirteen countries participated. It has presence in thirty

countries. We should help members wishing to start a new group. The conference received the plan of action since 2008. An International TOS Hand book was released.

Brazilian Section: It has thirty-four lodges and seventeen theosophical study groups. It has 758 members, an increase of forty-four over last year. They publish *Theosofia* magazine, 1,500 copies of which are distributed every third month. The Section held the 32nd summer school of the TS in Brazil from 23rd to 27th January 2013, the Eighteenth International School of Theosophy from 7th to 10th July 2013, and the Hispanic Seminar of Theosophy from 10th to 14th July 2013.

Cuban Section: There are 553 members in twelve Lodges. The Section celebrated all four traditional dates and studied certain books of J. Krishnamurti and Annie Besant.

Mexican Section: It has 150 members in eleven Lodges and seven study Centres. Web Page was used to find new people who are interested in the Theosophical movement. Ricardo Lindemann directed the school of the wisdom with the theme, 'The Ancient Wisdom and the purpose of life'. The Section celebrated all four traditional dates of the TS and the ninety-fourth anniversary of the TS in Mexico in December 2012. The Section participated in the International School of Theosophy in Brazil and the Hispanic School of Theosophy.

International Headquarters: Olcott Education Society: The work of the Olcott Education Society has five constituents.

In Olcott Memorial High School, we need to go with the present times when most parents want their children to be taught in English medium. We have to keep that in mind. We should undertake only those activities that we can do well. I think, undertaking animal welfare activity, though desirable from emotional point of view is not our cup of tea at present. We need to rethink, either to gear up to take up the challenge of doing it well or give up this activity. The same principle should be applied in maintaining the HPB Hostel as our activity.

TPH should examine and consider, bringing out in book size a combined version of: *The Theosophic Life* (Annie Besant), *At the Feet of the Master* (J. Krishnamurti), *I Promise* (C. Jinrājadāsa), *Human Regeneration* (N. Sri Ram) and *The Universal Law of Life* (Annie Besant).

As Vice President I travelled with my wife to Ukraine, United States of America, Brazil and Naarden. I had the opportunity of meeting TS members of more than twenty-five countries in this visit. I noticed that TS members everywhere have a

cultural courtesy, consideration and friendliness. They are delighted, especially when there is some official visiting from Adyar, The International Headquarters of the Theosophical Society.

Closing of the Convention

Everything that has a beginning must eventually end. What each one will take away from this Convention depends upon his attentiveness, capacity to learn, and reflect, and general intelligence. But, surely none of us is the same as, when we came. A certain chiselling away of the rough edges of our character has taken place. Let us share with those who are not lucky enough to attend the Convention in person. The Convention went smoothly and well, for which the credit goes to the team of dedicated workers and volunteers.

We should induct youth in our fold. We should take note of declining membership. Let us help the workers and others to the extent possible to live a better life.

I wish all of you a happy new year 2014 with better health and useful activity all round.

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2013**

TREASURER'S REPORT 2012-2013

The salient features of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Society for the year ended 31st March 2013 are as under:

1. Income:

The details of the income for the year 2012-2013 as compared to the year 2011-2012 are as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2013 Rs.
Interest Received	20,323,227	23,474,683
Fees and Dues	2,793,633	3,030,642
Surplus from Theosophical Publishing House	961,164	929,510
General Donations	349,790	350,401
Licence Fees	144,000	144,000
Miscellaneous Receipts	<u>66</u>	<u>14,689</u>
	24,571,880	27,943,925
Less: Interest transferred to earmarked funds	<u>9,258,361</u>	<u>9,697,117</u>
	<u>15,313,519</u>	<u>18,246,808</u>

The net interest income received during the year after transfer to the earmarked funds is Rs.13,777,566/- as against Rs.11,064,866/- during the previous year 2011-2012.

The Fees and Dues received during the current year shows an increase of Rs.237,009/- over the previous year.

The surplus from The Theosophical Publishing House shows a decrease of Rs.31,654/- over last year.

General Donations remain almost static.

The overall increase in net income is Rs.2,933,289/- over previous year after transfer of the interest to the funds wherever applicable.

2. Expenditure:

The summary of the expenditure of the Society for the year is as follows:

	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2013 Rs.
Departments	5,342,099	8,115,445
Charitable work	2,376,641	3,111,820
Propagation of Theosophy	1,394,111	1,870,407
International Offices	749,345	909,492
Establishment	3,252,788	3,807,916
Other Expenses	<u>992,877</u>	<u>1,977,814</u>
	<u>14,107,861</u>	<u>19,792,894</u>

(a) Departments

The net expenditure of the Departments for the year is Rs.8,115,445/- compared to Rs.5,342,099/- in the previous year. The broad details are as follows:-

Departments	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2013 Rs.
Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers	-180,994	566,893
Garden	1,284,084	1,552,055
Maintenance	<u>4,239,009</u>	<u>5,996,497</u>
	<u>5,342,099</u>	<u>8,115,445</u>

In respect of Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers decrease in income is on account of reduction in boarding & Lodging receipts due to less occupation in Leadbeater Chambers.

In Garden Department the deficit has increased by Rs.267,971/-. The increase in deficit is on account of increase in General Maintenance costs and reduction in the overall proceeds of sales.

The net expenditure of the Maintenance department has increased by Rs.1,757,488/-. The following are the major expenses:-

	Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2013 Rs.
Electricity Charges	1,774,636	1,978,268
Maintenance of		
Water Supply Installations	231,118	279,420
Electrical Installations	269,304	228,927
Sanitary Installations	149,617	125,688
Boundaries	—	35,844
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings	1,831,147	2,535,965
Other Maintenance costs including		
Depreciation	950,820	1,465,826
Office Salaries and Other Expenses	<u>641,180</u>	<u>1,033,866</u>
	5,847,822	7,683,804
Less: Recoveries	<u>1,608,813</u>	<u>1,687,307</u>
Net Deficit	<u>4,239,009</u>	<u>5,996,497</u>

The deficit in Maintenance Department has increased by Rs.1,757,488/- mainly on account of increase in Electricity charges, repairs and maintenance of buildings, other maintenance costs and office salaries. The current trend will continue as there is need for extensive repairs of many building and general maintenance and upkeep of the estate.

(b) Charitable Work

The amount spent on charitable work is Rs.3,111,820/-, as against Rs.2,376,641/- in the previous year. The charitable expenses include the amount spent on education, animal welfare, hostel, social welfare and medical aid.

(c) Propagation of Theosophy

The expenditure on Propagation of Theosophy for the year was as follows:

		Year ended 31.03.2012 Rs.	Year ended 31.03.2013 Rs.
Adyar Library and Research Centre	(Net)	391,740	583,437
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	„	58,532	116,401
Vasanta Press	„	98,851	252,376
School of the Wisdom	(Gross)	46,252	47,075
Book Gifts	„	19,952	57,542
Convention and Seminars	„	777,803	808,845
Others		<u>981</u>	<u>4,731</u>
		<u>1,394,111</u>	<u>1,870,407</u>

Expenditure in Adyar Library has increased by Rs.191,697/-. In case of TPH Subscription to *Theosophist* and *Adyar Newsletter* has reduced from 475,805/- to 428,010.

Deficit in Vasantha Press has increased mainly on account increase in cost of binding material and increase in Salaries and wages. Book gifts have increased from 19,952/- keeping in view the need to broadbase the reach of philosophic literature and materials.

(d) Other Costs:

The expenses of international offices, and other establishments have gone up from Rs.4,002,133/- to 4,717,408/- an increase of Rs.715,275/-. The increases are mainly on account of the continuing inflationary trend and increase in salary and wages.

3. Net Surplus:

The surplus for the current year 2012-2013 is Rs.1,165,958/- after transferring an amount of Rs.3,000,000/- to Adyar Estate Improvement Fund. The surplus for the previous year was Rs.1,969,005/- after transfer of Rs.3,000,000/- to the Building Maintenance Fund.

4. Capital Expenditure:

During the year the amounts spent on Capital account is as 190,332/-. The additions were mainly on computers and accessories and some other essential office equipments.

5. Funds:

During the year Adyar Besant Commemorative Endowment Fund rose from 79,508,689/- to 85,118,688/- an increase of Rs.5,609,999/- . The other funds rose from 132,870,975/- to 142,357,307/- after utilization from funds wherever applicable. The investments during the year amount to Rs.255,887,708/- an increase from 241,096,138/- an increase of Rs.14,791,570/- over previous year.

6. Acknowledgement:

On behalf of the Society, I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the continued support of members throughout the world.

Chennai
Date: 08-10-2013

T.S.JAMBUNATHAN
Honorary Treasurer

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED
From 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 (in Rupees)

	Name of Section etc.	2011-2012	2012-2013
The Theosophical Society in:	Africa, East and Central	—	2360
	Africa, South	7353	—
	Africa, West	—	—
	America, Central	4689	—
	Argentina and Paraguay	77922	156866
	Asia, East and South-East	—	—
	Australia	—	—
	Belgium	58346	—
	Bolivia	28134	27930
	Brazil	678185	710649
	Canada	—	53547
	Chile	—	—
	Colombia	—	—
	Costa Rica	10550	44092
	Cuba	—	—
	Dominican Republic	14325	10444
	England	374047	430122
	Finland	113728	106267
	France	76048	80249
	Germany	—	44200
	Greece	—	—
	Hungary	—	—
	Iceland	—	—
	India	126179	136740
	Indonesia	—	—
	Italy	166121	159233
	Ireland	—	12510
	Ivory Coast	—	—
	Malaysia	782	329
	Mexico	26300	18869
	Netherlands, The	—	—

New Zealand	22261	32517
Norway	8556	—
Pakistan	—	—
Peru	6910	9889
Philippines, The	—	—
Portugal	—	—
Puerto Rico	14060	13880
Scotland	—	—
Slovenia	13083	13475
Spain	189188	101486
Sri Lanka	—	—
Sweden	20255	—
Switzerland	32241	35057
Togo	—	—
USA	544553	607968
Uruguay	—	—
Wales	7450	—
Lodges attached to Adyar:		
Croatia	11642	12360
Israel	37667	42155
Japan	22512	18113
Orlando	—	6181
Qatar	—	30000
Russia	—	—
Singapore	—	—
Ukraine	26624	29364
Fellows-at-large	73922	83790
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BALANCE SHEET AS

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This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our report.

For SRIHARI & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI
Date: 17 Sep. 2013

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

As at 31-3-2012	ASSETS	Schedule No.	As at 31-3-2013	
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
12,445,914	Fixed Assets	1		11,781,617
	Investments: (At cost)	2		
241,096,138	In Scheduled Banks and Financial Institutions			255,887,708
	Current Assets, Loans and Advances:			
8,592,833	Stocks	3	8,562,177	
928,655	Sundry Debtors		1,261,443	
5,405,406	Cash and Bank Balances	4	8,242,574	
927,948	Loans and Advances	5	997,290	
15,854,842				19,063,484
269,396,894				286,732,809

Schedule Numbers 1 to 7 and Notes on Accounts
form part of the Balance Sheet.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

T. S. JAMBUNATHAN
Hon. Treasurer

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-2012	EXPENDITURE	Year ended 31-3-2013	
		Rs.	Rs.
	Departments: (Net Expenditure)		
-180,994	Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	566,893	
1,284,084	Garden	1,552,055	
4,239,009	Maintenance	5,996,497	
5,342,099			8,115,445
	Charitable Work:		
736,849	Animal Welfare	1,014,526	
1,052,000	Education	1,440,000	
51,102	Welfare Grants	60,370	
194,206	Free Dispensary and Medical Aid	244,205	
82,000	School Fees and Books	81,500	
129,884	Social Welfare Work	97,619	
127,000	HPB Hostel	170,000	
3,600	Others	3,600	
2,376,641			3,111,820
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
391,740	Adyar Library and Research Centre (Net)	583,437	
58,532	<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i> "	116,401	
132	Information and Public Relations "	-	
849	Theosophy-Science Centre "	4,731	
98,851	Vasanta Press	252,376	
550,104		956,945	
46,252	School of the Wisdom (Gross)	47,075	
19,952	Book Gift "	57,542	
777,803	Convention & Seminars "	808,845	
844,007		913,462	
1,394,111			1,870,407
	International Offices:		
56,949	President and Vice-President	75,171	
383,506	Treasurer	555,208	
308,890	Secretary	279,113	
749,345			909,492
	Establishment:		
230,627	Headquarters	249,775	
75,505	General Manager's Office	135,482	
426,897	Housekeeping	553,077	
389,094	Sanitation	424,280	
2,130,665	Security	2,445,302	
3,252,788			3,807,916
13,114,984	c / f		17,815,080

Year ended 31-3-2012	INCOME	Year ended 31-3-2013	
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
	Propagation of Theosophy: (Net Income)		
961,164	The Theosophical Publishing House		929,510
349,790	General Donations		350,401
20,323,227	Interest Received	23,474,683	
9,258,361	Less: Transferred to Various Funds	9,697,117	
11,064,866			13,777,566
2,793,633	Fees and Dues		3,030,642
144,000	License Fees		144,000
664	Miscellaneous Receipts		14,689
15,313,519	c / f		18,246,808

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31-3-2012	EXPENDITURE - <i>Contd</i>	Year ended 31-3-2013	
Rs. 13,114,984	b/f	Rs.	Rs. 17,815,080
	Other Expenses:		
8,577	Insurance	9,166	
15,000	Legal and Court Expenses	55,000	
92,101	Audit Fees	99,410	
87,238	Rates and Taxes	838,586	
3,831	Bank Charges	2,389	
607,040	Depreciation	589,351	
40,645	Motor Car Expenses	45,187	
93,640	Miscellaneous	69,582	
44,805	Provision for Gratuity	269,143	
992,877			1,977,814
14,107,861			19,792,894
	Less : Transfer from other Funds		
37,867	Adyar Estate Improvement Fund	1,025,000	
59,000	Security	59,000	
385,000	Garden	409,000	
	Charitable Work:		
736,849	Animal Welfare	1,014,526	
1,052,000	Education	1,440,000	
129,884	Social Welfare Work	97,619	
127,000	HPB Hostel	170,000	
	Propagation of Theosophy:		
391,740	Adyar Library and Research Centre	583,437	
46,252	School of the Wisdom	47,075	
19,952	Book Gift	57,542	
777,803	Convention & Seminars	808,845	
3,763,347			5,712,044
10,344,514			14,080,850
3,000,000	Transferred to Building Maintenance Fund		-
13,344,514			
-	Transferred to Adyar Estate Improvement Fund		3,000,000
13,344,514			17,080,850
1,969,005	Surplus transferred to General Fund		1,165,958
15,313,519			18,246,808

This is the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in our report of even date.

For SRIHARI & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

CHENNAI
Date: 17 Sep 2013

E. S. NEELAKANTAN
Partner

Year ended 31-3-2012	INCOME - <i>Contd.</i>	Year ended 31-3-2013
Rs. 15,313,519	b/f	Rs. 18,246,808
15,313,519		18,246,808

Notes on Accounts form part of these Accounts.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee of
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

T. S. JAMBUNATHAN
Hon. Treasurer

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31-3-2015

(Rupees in Thousands)

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	Budget 12-13	Actuals 12-13	Budget 14-15		Budget 12-13	Actuals 12-13	Budget 14-15
Departments (Net Expenditure)				Propagation of Theosophy			
Bhojanasala & Leadbeater Chambers	191	567	586	Theosophical Publishing House	716	929	661
Garden	1,725	1,552	2,020	General Donations	300	350	300
Maintenance	7,545	5,996	9,655	Interest (Net)	11,500	13,777	15,000
Utilization from Other Funds	-800	-1,434	-2,000	Membership Fees and Dues	2,500	3,030	3,000
Charitable Work				Licence Fees	144	144	72
Animal Welfare	1,500	1,015	2,000	Miscellaneous Receipts	100	14	20
Education	2,000	1,440	2,500	Net Deficit	417	—	—
Welfare Grants	50	60	100				
Free Dispensary & Medical Aid	250	244	250				
School Fees and Books	150	82	150				
Social Welfare Work	250	98	200				
HPB Hostel	200	170	150				
TOS	100	—	—				
Others	10	4	10				
Utilization from Other Funds	-3,950	-2,723	-4,850				
Propagation of Theosophy							
Adyar Library and Research Centre	789	583	911				
<i>The Theosophist</i> and <i>Adyar Newsletter</i>	166	116	133				
Vasanta Press	12	252	553				
Information and Public Relations	5	0	5				
Archives and Museum	10	0	10				
Theosophy-Science Centre	10	5	30				
School of the Wisdom	100	47	50				
Book Gift	100	58	500				
Convention & Seminars	—	809	800				
Utilization from Other Funds	-989	-1,497	-2,261				
International Offices							
President and Vice-President	70	75	75				
Treasurer	400	555	600				
Secretary	400	279	400				
Establishment							
Headquarters	260	250	300				
General Manager's Office	150	135	200				
Housekeeping	500	553	600				
Sanitation	450	424	500				
Security	2,500	2,445	3,000				
Utilization from Other Funds	-52	-59	-50				
Other Expenses							
Insurance Premiums	10	9	10				
Legal Expenses	50	55	60				
Audit Fees	150	99	150				
Rates and Taxes	250	839	300				
Bank Charges	5	2	5				
Depreciation	800	589	600				
Motor Car Maintenance	60	45	60				
Miscellaneous	100	70	70				
Provision for Gratuity	150	269	300				
Transferred to Adyar Estate Improvement Fund	—	3,000	—				
Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	1,166	371				
	15,677	18,244	19,053		15,677	18,244	19,053

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, CHENNAI 600 020

INDIA

OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 2013

Executive Committee:

1.	Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
2.	Mr M. P. Singhal	<i>Vice-President</i>
3.	Mrs Kusum Satapathy	<i>Secretary</i> (up to 29.08.2013)
	Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy	<i>Secretary</i> (from 29.08.2013)
4.	Mr T. S. Jambunathan	<i>Treasurer</i>
5.	Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>General Council Member</i>
6.	Miss Keshwar Dastur	<i>General Council Member</i>
7.	Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	<i>Member</i>
8.	Prof. C. A. Shinde	<i>Member</i>
9.	Mr K. Narasimha Rao	<i>Member</i>
10.	Mr Sriram Panchu	<i>Member</i>

General Manager

Adyar Library

Director

Librarian

Director (Sanskrit Studies)

Bhojanasala

Garden

Housekeeping

Information

Leadbeater Chambers

Maintenance

Superintendent

Medical Service

Museum and Archives

Sanitation

School of the Wisdom

Security

Theosophical Publishing House

Vasanta Press

Mr S. Harihara Raghavan

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy (7.02.13-29.08.13)

Prof. C. A. Shinde

Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath

Mrs Usha Umakanth Rao

Mr S. A. Sanghram

Mr S. M. Amarnath Rao

Mrs Uma Nilakanta

Mr M. Dharmalingam

Dr S. D. Inbaraj

Mr T. S. Swaminathan

Prof. R. C. Tampi

Mr J. Suresh

Mr S. Ramu

Mr S. Harihara Raghavan

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer

Headmistress

Olcott Memorial School

Social Welfare Centre

Vocational Training Centre

Director

Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary

HPB Hostel

Mrs Radha S. Burnier

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy

Mr T. S. Jambunathan

Ms B. Lakshmi

Mrs R. Mythili

Mr S. Ramkumar

Dr P. D. Jagannathan

Mrs Vijaya Ravindran

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS 2013

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Lodges Attached to Adyar	07
Total Lodges	947
Total Centres	175
Total Membership 2012	25,911
Total Membership 2013	26,793

Section/Area	Number of		
	Lodges Centres Members		
1. Africa, East and Central	5	-	165
2. Africa, South	6	2	212
3. Africa, West	11	6	247
4. America, Central	2	-	21
5. Argentina (and Paraguay)	19	8	352
6. Asia, East& South East (Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar and Japan)	4	-	570
7. Australia	11	5	991
8. Austria	3	-	49
9. Bangladesh	5	1	188
10. Belgium	7	-	94
11. Bolivia	11	2	108
12. Brazil	34	17	758
13. Canada	4	7	171
14. Chile	3	-	46
15. Colombia	5	2	42
16. Costa Rica	5	1	64
17. Cuba	12	-	553
18. Dominican Rep.	2	-	34
19. England	34	6	1,100
20. Finland	23	2	420
21. France	21	3	378
22. Germany	7	1	107
23. Greece	11	2	231
24. Hungary	3	-	42
25. Iceland	9	-	408
26. India	459	-	11,569
27. Indonesia	14	-	208

Section/Area	Number of		
	Lodges Centres Members		
28. Ireland	2	1	71
29. Italy	34	19	1,035
30. Ivory Coast	3	-	22
31. Mexico	11	7	150
32. Netherlands	10	7	362
33. New Zealand	13	5	790
34. Norway	2	-	14
35. Pakistan	NA	NA	NA
36. Peru	2	-	28
37. Philippines	20	10	323
38. Portugal	11	-	138
39. Puerto Rico	3	-	32
40. Russia	6	-	141
41. Scotland	3	-	135
42. Slovenia	4	-	55
43. Spain	13	5	310
44. Sri Lanka	3	3	182
45. Sweden	7	-	163
46. Switzerland	5	-	30
47. Togo	3	3	26
48. USA	40	46	3,283
49. Ukraine	4	3	85
50. Uruguay	5	-	48
51. Venezuela	2	-	16
52. Wales	4	1	68
Total	940	175	26,635

Lodges/Members Attached to Adyar

	Number of		
	Lodges Centres Members		
1. Lotus Lodge, Croatia	1	-	17
2. El Sol Lodge, Ecuador	1	-	12
3. Ananda (France)	1	-	15
4. Arc en ciel (France)	1	-	15
5. Covenant Lodge, Israel	1	-	78
6. Blavatsky Lodge, Qatar	1	-	NA
7. Orlando Lodge, USA	1	-	14
8. Fellows-at-Large	-	-	7
Total	7	-	158

Note: For Africa, West, Canada and Sri Lanka, previous year's data have been repeated in the absence of fresh data.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Distribution of TPH publications continued to do well with sales increasing to 2.3 million rupees compared to 1.8 million rupees in the previous accounting year (April-March). Overall sales also improved to 3.2 million rupees in the current year from 2.7 million rupees in the previous year.

The 12-month period from April 2012 to March 2013 turned out to be yet another (successive eighth) year of robust overall financial performance for the TPH, despite higher costs on account of recent increase in staff benefits and interest income not being taken into TPH Accounts; but helped by higher sales, better recovery of royalty dues and depreciation of the Rupee. Gross profit increased from 1.5 million rupees last year to 1.8 million in the current accounting year.

The issues pertaining to royalty dues from Brazil have been resolved with payments now coming in regularly, while there are issues to be resolved in this area pertaining to permissions not obtained for Dutch publications of Adyar Titles.

Bookshop sales continue to be sluggish due to poor visibility and accessibility; and to optimize retail sales through a bookshop, it is necessary to consider a more popular location such as near the Olcott School.

Subscriptions to journals dropped slightly. Despite increases in printing costs and postal rates, the subscription rates are maintained at the current levels. The Postal Department has withdrawn the facility of foreign surface mail and

henceforth all journals can be shipped only by airmail to overseas subscribers. The accounts pertaining to journals are maintained separately (not part of TPH's Trading, and Income & Expenditure Accounts). Hence the deficits on account of journals are mentioned separately in the Balance Sheet. The deficit on this account for the year 2012-2013 is Rs.1,16,000. In view of the Executive Committee's decision to stop supporting free copies of the *Theosophical Digest* to National Secretaries, TPH Adyar is in touch with the Philippines Publishing House to meet the costs of free distribution of the *Digest*.

For the period from October 2011 to September 2012, only 11 reprints could be brought out compared to 23 reprints in the previous year. Many titles are pending processing in the Editorial Office at various stages and our list of out-of-print titles is growing. Manpower constraints continue to affect operations in the TPH.

The online bookstore www.adyarbooks.com, created in 2009, continues to get orders regularly. We had to change to digital franking machine, operates which operates 'online'. This and www.adyarbooks.com are critically dependent on reliable phone and internet lines.

Mr Jan Jelle Keppler joined in place of Mr M. Kannan and Mr S. K. Srinivasan joined as Publications Officer in place of Mr S. M. Umakanth Rao.

Mr S. Ramu
General Manager

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

Col. H. S. Olcott established the Adyar Library and Research Centre (ALRC) in 1886 with the main aim of reviving the study of Oriental literature, philosophy, and religion, and encouraging genuine scholars in Indian studies. The Centre is functioning under the guidance of the international President of the Theosophical Society. The ALRC, which was earlier known as Adyar Library, began its work by bringing out modest publications on Indian philosophy and religions. Later this developed into a fine series of publications bringing to the Western world knowledge of Sanskrit and other Eastern Literature.

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy worked as Director of ALRC from 7-2-2013 to 29-08-2013. Prof. C. A. Shinde has been the Librarian and Dr K. N. Neelakantan Elayath worked as Director (Sanskrit Studies) intermittently.

Publications and Reprints:

1. *Brahmavidyā* — Adyar Library Bulletin Volume 74-75/2010-11.
2. Alphabetical Catalogue of Adyar Library Publications.
3. Introductory Booklet on the Adyar Library & Research Centre.
4. Index to *Brahmavidyā*, The Adyar Library Bulletin, (Volumes 1-75).
5. The *Saiva Upanisad-s*, English translation based on the commentary of Upanishad Brahmayogin by T. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar (ALGS 85).
6. *Vishnusahasranama* English translation by Ananthakrishna Sastry (ALGS 101).

7. *Amarakośa* (vols. I & II) with rare South Indian commentaries (ALGS 101).

Work in Progress (2012-13):

1. Supplement to *Brahmavidyā* — commemorating the 125th year of *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky — released during 2013 the Annual Convention.
2. *Brahmavidyā*, the Adyar Library Bulletin, Volume, 76-77/2012-2013.
3. *Collected papers of K. Kunjunni Raja* — compiled by Ms T. M. Ramani.
4. Preservation of Books and Manuscripts and Manuscript Digitalization (CD), etc. — a proposal submitted to the Government of India for financial assistance.
5. *Ramamuja on Yoga* by Robert C. Lester.
6. *Descriptive Catalogue of MSS on Astronomy and Mathematics* by Dr K. V. Sarma.

Acquisition and Cataloguing:

During the year 122 books were purchased and 1,000 were accessed, and 150 were catalogued and added to the Library collection.

Our thanks for 1,237 books received from various sources as gifts. Most of these were from the President's Office, the TPH, Secretary's Office, TPH Wheaton, Mrs Veena Ramachandran, Bangalore, and the Rashtriya Sanskrit Samsthan.

Services Rendered:

During the year 34,530 frames of photocopies were taken, including transcripts and rare books. The Library was used by 1,300 readers and 750 borrowers

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who consulted 4,860 books, and borrowed 746 books including 60 rare books and 380 manuscripts.

Conservation and Preservation:

550 hard cover books were repaired, 50 were bound, 30 photocopied and 285 soft cover books were repaired.

Catalogue Section:

3,000 books were catalogued and 3,000 cards were checked.

Scholars:

75 scholars from various universities used the Library.

Visitors:

1,750 and 2,020 persons visited the Display Room and Reading Room respectively.

Prof. C. A. Shinde
Librarian

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

A series of courses on various themes were offered during 2013.

The theme of the first course was 'With Krishna in the Battle of Life — Life Lessons from the *Bhagavadgitā*.' Dr Ravi Ravindra directed the course from 9 January to 1 February 2013.

The second course was held from 11 to 22 November 2013, directed by Mr Pedro Oliveira. The theme was 'The Way of Self-Perception: Studies in the *Light on the Path*.'

The third course was directed by Prof. R. C. Tampi from 25 to 29 November 2013, with the theme 'The Mahatmas on Discipleship'.

The last course held was from 2 to 13 December 2013. Venerable Olande Ananda directed the course on 'Mind Training through Awareness'.

Prof. R. C. Tampi
Director, The School of the Wisdom

ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM

(No report)

OLCOTT EDUCATION SOCIETY

The Olcott Education Society continued to function as a separately Registered Society within the campus of the Theosophical Society under the Chairmanship of Mrs Radha Burnier, President. During the 2012 Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society, the newly constructed Vocational Training Centre in the

Damodar Gardens was inaugurated by the President.

Olcott Memorial High School

The Olcott Memorial School continued to provide free education, this year with 456 students — 265 girls and 191 boys. The High School was upgraded to a Higher Secondary School by admitting 35 boys

and girls to Class XI. 18 new students were admitted to Class I and 21 other new students took admission in Classes II to X. The students were provided free text books, breakfast of Kanji, protein supplement with the noon meal, two sets of uniforms, stationery, and notebooks for each child. Dr R. Revathy conducted regular health check-ups. Guidance and counseling continued for the children and parents, and they were provided advice and support in dealing with problems — both academic and personal. Extra classes for children needing support were regularly conducted. A neighbourhood school in Gandhi Nagar continued to provide two qualified teachers and also contributed about INR 20,000/- per month towards provision of nutritional supplements.

Dream Runners, a neighbourhood organization which conducts a Marathon in the city, provided assistance for electrification of 14 Primary section classrooms (Classes I to VII) and the fans were provided by three local branches of the State Bank. The lights and fans provided in these 14 classrooms were switched on by Mr R. Natarajan, Retd. Director General of Police, in a function held to commemorate Col. H. S. Olcott's Birth Anniversary which was presided by Mrs Radha Burnier, President, Theosophical Society.

The school celebrated Republic Day on 26 January, 2013, with Dr Ravi Ravindra as Chief Guest. Independence Day was celebrated on 15 August 2013, with Ms Nirmala Periaswamy as the Chief Guest. During the Independence Day

function, the first three top students in Class X school final examination were awarded cash prizes of INR 5,000/- each. Two donors, Mrs Chandra Thirumalai and Ms Anuthama Mohan Chunghat, have created two Endowment Funds for giving two awards of INR 5,000/- each for the top two students in Class X examination each year. This year 51 students cleared the Class X exam held in March 2013 and the remaining one cleared re-exam in June 2013. During the current year, the fire-extinguishers installed in the school were refilled; necessary certificates have been obtained from Fire Officer and Sanitary Inspector. The required stability certificates were also obtained from the notified chartered engineers. The school's licence has been renewed by the District Collector's office for the periods 2007-10, 2010-13 and 2013-16.

The school was visited by officials/volunteers from three major donor agencies located in the USA to interact with the students and especially to see progress of upgrading the school to a Higher Secondary School. The visitors were very impressed with the School environment and the facilities offered for the children coming from less privileged homes. They had promised support to the School during their visits, which has since resulted in significant donations to support upgrading of facilities, enhancement of salaries to the teachers and staff and creation of a computer centre.

The school children participated in an Art and Mural paintings workshop, inter-school drama festival, and street plays as

part of their co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The students from different classes have won prizes in drawing, poetry, essay and inter-school cultural competitions. The junior and senior boys' hand-ball team and the junior and senior girls' Kho-kho and Kabadi teams have qualified at the District and Zonal levels.

Mr Justin Lemke, a young member from the TS in America, joined the School as a volunteer teacher and assisted in teaching English and Computer skills. Special classes were held to teach spoken English and to impart Computer skills for the students and some of the teachers. A volunteer from Ireland, Mrs Nicole, worked as a volunteer Yoga teacher for a few months in the School.

Social Welfare Centre

The Social Welfare Centre runs a day care centre cum nursery school for small children of working parents from low income groups. This year the centre took care of 70 children who were provided with nutritious food, milk and fruits. The children were taught colouring, numbers, alphabets, rhymes, songs and dance. Several festivals and days of national importance were celebrated in which the children took part with great enthusiasm. The children were also taken for visits to parks and zoos outside. Dr R. Revathy visited the centre regularly for conducting health check-ups and also provided guidance to parents on health care for the children.

On Adyar Day, donations for dresses for the children were received from TOS

India. Members from Slovenia and Finland also visited the Social Welfare Centre and donated mats, playthings and clothes for the children and teachers. Dr Ravi Ravindra was the Chief Guest on the Republic day function and Mrs Nirmala Periaswamy was the Chief Guest for the Independence Day function.

The Vocational Training Centre was shifted to the Yellow Building in the Damodar Gardens one year back. For conducting more vocational training courses on a regular basis, the foundation was laid and construction work started for a semi-permanent prefabricated structure in the Damodar Gardens under the supervision of Mr Ram Kumar. Specific donations of INR 1 million and INR 25,000 have also been received from two donors.

HPB Hostel

This year the hostel accommodated 15 boys. The boys follow a daily routine that includes morning and evening prayers, meditation and completion of school home-work. Nutritious food is given to the boys and periodical medical check-ups are done. During the holidays, plastic removal campaign is undertaken inside the campus to create awareness of a pollution-free environment.

Animal Welfare Centre

During the year 6,552 animals were treated for various diseases, infection, and different types of fractures. 63 minor operations were carried out. In the animal birth control programme 52 dogs and 11 cats were treated. Animals were fed 3 times a day. The centre also trained animal handlers.

Vocational Training Centre

During the year, 20 women students were taught weaving and tailoring. The course covered designing, preparing patterns, layouts and estimates of cloth requirement, cutting of fabrics for children and ladies dresses and 40 kinds of embroidery stitches. Certificates were given to the successful candidates. The students were taken to visit Dakshinchitra, Poompuhar, textile shops, VTI, CCI, Cotton Street, Khadi Gramyodhyog Bhavan and Co-optex. The centre prepared towels, napkins, jute carpets, cotton carpets, meditation mats, variety of ladies handbags, travelling bags and purses which were displayed and sold during the Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society.

In the newly constructed VTC building in the Damodar Gardens, short courses and workshops were held almost every month from January 2013 to September 2013. These included two courses on First Aid and Road Safety, basic courses on Healthy Way of Living and three courses

on Spoken English and Effective Communication. In addition, a workshop on art and mural, flower making, music and organic farming were also held. Two screening camps were also held for detection of cancer. A very successful course on Acupressure treatment was also held.

Visitors Centre

The Visitors Centre which was opened on White Lotus Day on 8 May 2011 in one of the rooms of the Social Welfare Centre on the main road was frequented by many visitors. The Centre has about 300 theosophical books and over 50 beautiful pictures of flowers, birds, butterflies, trees and buildings in the TS Estate. A visit to the Centre also brings people in contact with the work of the Social Welfare Centre, where many visitors have had the opportunity to observe the excellent work being done for the underprivileged children.

Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy
Secretary, Olcott Education Society

THE BESANT SCOUT CAMPING CENTRE

(No report)

THE THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Social welfare, medical and educational work amongst the underprivileged remained the priority of many TOS groups around the world this year. Members continue to run schools, literacy centres, free nutrition and medical services. Animal protection, the preservation of the en-

vironment and meditation for healing and for world peace are also still widespread activities.

Present in 30 countries, the TOS is operating in only a little more than half the countries where the TS is active. Since the TOS's long term goal is to be of

help to the TS in making Theosophy of transformative value in as many areas of the world as possible, additional attention needs to be given to helping members wishing to start new groups.

International Workers' Conference

The question of support for new groups was only one of many topics addressed at the International TOS Conference held from July 23-26 at the National Centre of the TS in America. Its theme was 'The TOS into the Future'. Over 60 workers representing thirteen countries attended, most arriving early for the American Summer National Convention whose theme was also focused on service: 'Be the Change — Service and Transformational Practices'. We were honoured to have the International Vice-President of the TS, Mr Mahendra Singhal, and his wife Shashi with us as special guests.

One of the main activities of the conference was a review of the plan of action that has been worked on since 2008. It was reported by Carolyn Harrod, the principal conference facilitator, that a significant number of the items in the plan have been accomplished and many fresh resources designed to support Theosophists in their service endeavours. All of them are posted on the website. A very useful international TOS Handbook designed by Ms Harrod was released at the conference. It contains:

- succinct statements about the TOS, its vision, aims, work and relationship with the Theosophical Society
- an important document named *TOS Principles of Organisation* to serve as management guidelines

- a selection of inspirational articles, invocations and quotations
- practical suggestions for serving in local communities and for fundraising
- examples of emblems used by TOS groups
- a poster and a brochure that can be adapted for local use.

Conference participants added new ideas to the action plan for the next five years and identified priority actions for their own countries. Ideas also emerged for the international team to take care of, such as lending more support to local TOS workers engaged in the promotion of gender equality. Donations have therefore been invited for the livelihood training of needy women in Nairobi, Kenya, under TOS convenor Mrs Usha Shah and for the campaign to change the mind-set of violence against women carried out by Mrs Deepa Padhi and her team in Odisha, India.

Some highlights of the year's activities at national and local level:

The TOS in America has designed a beautiful brochure offering the services of its healing network to the general public. It will be distributed in hospitals, hospices, rehabilitation centres and nursing homes. The network now offers its services to members in other countries who appreciate being able to send names for circulation among its over forty groups.

A new animal healing network was begun this year by American TOS worker, Rozi Ulics. It works along the same lines as the regular healing network with a meditation designed specifically for animals.

A matching grant of \$US 20,000 was again offered by the Kern Foundation of the USA in support of the Golden Link College in the Philippines. Through the excellent work of English TOS member Susan Bayliss, the board of the Foundation for Theosophical Studies — a charity set up by the Theosophical Society in England and managed by TS members — has set up a fund for donations to the College, benefitting from tax relief where possible. Further, the Foundation very kindly donated £1,000 to the collection.

The TOS in England received official recognition this year from the International Aid Trust for donating, over a period of ten years or more, 12,000 knitted teddies for the programme 'Teddis for Tragedy'. The TOS in France has joined the project this year. Members from France and Italy brought 200 teddies to the Wheaton Conference for the delegates from Tanzania and Kenya to take home for distribution to children in need of comfort. Some were presented in August to the children of the Kind Heart Africa Orphanage in Dar es Salaam.

The TOS in Bhubaneswar, India has begun work to educate people, initially in slum areas, on the importance of gender equality, of schooling for female children and on the cruelty of stigmatising the victims of violence. Street plays, documentary films and banners are being used. A large billboard communicating in the local language, Odia, was inaugurated in June in the presence of the city mayor.

The TOS in Italy is a major supporter

of a children's home in Muttom, Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu in South India, inaugurated in 2010. The home houses over 200 children and teenagers. This year the TOS funded the purchase of computers for the Fatima Academy, a vocational training centre where the youngsters can acquire the skills necessary for a variety of careers in information technology, including design.

The TOS maintains fraternal ties with the Round Table ceremonial order for children where service to others is emphasised. This year members of the TOS in Colombia began taking Round Table ceremonies out to institutionalised children in order to engage them in a wholesome activity inspiring them with noble ideals. The children love it!

The first activity for 2013 of the TOS in the Dominican Republic was to deliver medicine and toys to the Fundación Vida y Esperanza (Life and Hope Foundation) in Santo Domingo.

As part of TOS activities in Uruguay, vegetarian cookery classes are being given at the TS premises in Montevideo. Apparently some of the participants attend the demonstrations on the recommendation of their doctors.

A speciality of the TOS in France is the organisation of seminars exploring the light Theosophy can shed on practical problems. A theme handled this year was that of solitude on the spiritual path.

In January, Mr Aman Amir, the long-time Honorary Treasurer of the TOS in Pakistan, passed away in his 75th year. Aman was a tower of strength in enabling

the TOS to carry on its substantial educational work in conditions of political volatility and social violence that few other groups could have managed. Aman's wife, Fareeda, retired in July after decades of outstanding work, first as a volunteer with the education programme, then as a member of the Council of Management

and finally as Honorary Secretary for 17 years. The TOS salutes Aman and Fareeda for their courage and self-sacrifice over a long and very fruitful period of work for the needy in Karachi.

Ms Diana Dunningham Chapotin
International Secretary, TOS

REPORTS OF WORK
IN
NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS
PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES
LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

(Where necessary, reports have been translated, edited or condensed)

NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND SECTIONS

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The section comprises Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Zambia. There are five active lodges. Mufulira Lodge holds weekly research meetings, book studies, and hosts public speaker contests as part of the TOS activities. Kitwe Lodge meets every week and has formed a committee for TOS work. The Nairobi Lodge issued 3 newsletters and the magazine *Theosophical Light*. They hold English and Gujarati language meetings, and some joint meetings. A seminar on The Life and Teachings of the Buddha was held in December 2012. The Dar-es-Salaam Lodge in Tanzania held 12 study meetings, Ladies' Meetings twice weekly, and there are regular healing meetings and Bharat Samaj Puja. On behalf of the TOS they donated food and clothing to poor people, and toys for children. They sponsored treatment in India for children with heart problems. Nile Lodge in

Uganda holds two meetings every month to discuss articles from *The Theosophist*. All lodges celebrated their foundation day, and international Theosophical days. Nairobi Lodge is housing the Book stall, and the Zambia Region is able to order books from the TPH for distribution in the country. The 46th Section Convention was successfully hosted by the Nairobi Lodge between 17-20th May 2013, with the theme, Integrity and Moral Values in Today's World. 54 members from the East and Central African Section were present, with Prof. Yashpal Ghai as the chief guest. There were 131 guests on the opening night for the public lecture. Mr Ebrony Peteli was elected as General Secretary for the term 2013-15 at this Convention.

Mr Ebrony Peteli
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

There are six lodges and two Study Centres in the Section. Converting the study centre in Mozambique into the Maputo Lodge with 23 members is one of the significant achievements of the past year. The Section has 212 members in good standing. An introductory course to Theosophy has

been mailed every month to members, and the English diploma course is also offered. Capetown and Pretoria Lodges underwent changes in leadership. All lodges hold fortnightly meetings.

Mr Jack Hartmann
General Secretary

AFRICA, WEST

(No report)

ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY

The section has 19 lodges and 8 study centres, with a membership of 352 this year, an increase of 5 members. One member has transferred his member-

ship from Argentina to Colombia.

Jorge Carlos Garcia
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

The section has 11 lodges and 5 study centres. There are 991 members, a decrease of 67 this year. Highlights of this year's events include a Members' Survey; a mentoring programme for new members; a new university prize; new design for the national website; and design of a national e-bulletin. Members' Survey has got a 19% response and resulted in useful insights for the future of the TS in Australia. The national magazine, *Theosophy in Australia*, has been published four times and is available on the national website. The Annual Convention took place in Melbourne on Theosophical Insights and the Contemporary World, with key speakers Prof. Richard Silberstein and Dr Jenny McFarlane. New members are offered a guided study programme. The web pages of Lodges and Certified Groups had an average of 11,500 monthly visits. The Campbell Theosophical Research Library serves the whole world through Open Public Access Catalogue with articles and references. National lecturers travelled widely this year; books were sold regularly at the National Headquarters. The

Theosophical Education and Retreat Centre offered an outreach event, 'Soul Nourishment' in September 2012, and a School of Theosophy '*The Secret Doctrine: Esoteric Insights and Spiritual Practice*' in April 2013. The topic of a successful event in the Canyonleigh Centre was 'Save Nature! But: What is Nature and what are we that we can destroy it?' The basic design of the national e-Bulletin was almost completed. A prize of \$1,500 on any aspect of the Perennial Philosophy in the Eastern or Western traditions has been agreed to be split between a post-graduate and an under-graduate prize. The entry for the Australian Section at Theosophedia can now be viewed online. Lodges and Certified Groups held regular meetings throughout the year with a wide variety of spiritual themes. The TOS continues to support literacy home schools in Pakistan, develops a project in Kenya to educate women to be self-sufficient, and has started a project of billboards to stop violence against women in Bhubaneswar, India.

Mrs Linda Oliveira
National President

BELGIUM

There are 94 members in the section. Brussels has two lodges and 29 members. They took part in regular meetings and study groups on *The Secret Doctrine* and Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*. There are two Lodges in Antwerp, one in Leuven, one in Charleroi, and one in Gent. All the lodges were active

during the year. The Section and four lodges have their own websites and four magazines are published. There is a trilingual national web site with all the programs of the lodges <http://sites.google.com/site/theosophists>.

Mr Jan Jelle Keppler
General Secretary

BRAZIL

There are 714 members this year in 33 Lodges and 18 Theosophical Groups. Three new groups were formed and two dissolved. One of the Lodges is inactive at the moment. National Board meetings are held regularly. The General Secretary maintains contact with the Regions' Coordinators in order to organize programmes and lectures all over the country. The magazine *Theosophia* is published quarterly, with 1,500 copies. Old copies can be read at www.sociedadeteosofica.org.br. The 31st Theosophical Summer School was held in Espirito Santo on 'The Voice of the Silence', with 152 participants. The 17th International Brazilian Theosophical School, with the theme 'Yoga, Meditation and Theosophical Practice', took place in Brazlandia. The five main regions held regional meetings regularly. There were public lectures and study meetings on Theosophical work and Theosophy-related subjects. Annie Besant's birthday, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day were celebrated along with anniversaries of the Theosophical movement in Brazil. The registration of the books is still on-going in the National Library with plans to open it to the public in 2013. The Advertising Department has prepared about 900

lectures on Theosophy for distribution. Local TV channels regularly carry these programmes. The Cultural Department organizes lectures and video conferences in order to expand the Theosophical work. The Training Department offers courses for Theosophical speakers. A new website has been developed by the Internet Department. The Brazilian Theosophical Publishing House brought out *The Voice of the Silence* (H.P. Blavatsky), *Seven Great Religions* (Annie Besant), *Seven Temperaments* (G. Hodson), *Light of Asia* (E. Arnold), and *Shiva Sutras* (I.K. Taimni). The Theosophical Order of Service took part in every national event with presentations and bazaars. They offer medical help and promote human rights through religious traditions. Care for homeless people, psychological support for cancer sufferers are offered in Sao Paulo. There is a home for the elderly in Parana, and an educational project for young people in Brasilia, where assistance to children undergoing chemotherapy treatment is also offered. The educational project Gaia focuses on the different dimensions of sustainability.

Mr Marcos Luis Borges de Resende
General Secretary

CUBA

The 12 lodges have 553 members. The Annual Convention theme was 'Christianity: An Outlook Twenty Centuries Afterwards.' The lodges studied the *Bhagawadgitā*, *Thought Power*, *At the Feet of the Master*, *Introduction to Yoga*, *Self-Culture*, and *Man and His Bodies*. They celebrated the official dates of the Society. In July a Summer School was held

in Havana on 'The Three Fundamental Propositions of *The Secret Doctrine*.' The Cuban theosophical magazine is being revived and five issues of a quarterly bulletin, *Teosofia en Cuba*, is sent to members. A new organization has been created for young theosophists.

Ms Barbara A. Fariñas Piña
National President

ENGLAND

The membership has increased to 1,100. Lodges held regular study meetings and well attended public lectures. The online Diploma Course is in its third year and there is already great interest in a further course on Theosophy. Other Sections are invited to run the course for which ongoing advice is provided with all necessary online documentation. The Summer School was held in Chester on the theme, 'The

Foundation of Esoteric Philosophy.' It was well attended by members and non-members alike. Weekend conferences were held in the North and South of England with fine talks on theosophical subjects. A video streaming of the Sunday lectures at the London Headquarters is being set up.

Mr Eric McGough
General Secretary

FINLAND

The Section was founded in 1907. It has 23 lodges, 2 study groups and 420 members. Estonia became a part of the Finnish Section 20 years ago. At the Annual Meeting Ms Marja Artamaa was re-elected as General Secretary for the third term. The Kreivila Summer School theme was 'Expanding World View and Mindfulness', with Dr Bhupendra Vora as guest speaker. HPB Lodge in Tallin, Estonia, celebrated its 20th anniversary with Chairman of the TS in Europe Tran-Thi-Kim Dieu as the guest speaker. In May a third seminar on *The Secret Doctrine*

was conducted by Mr Ingo de Jong. In July Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy gave talks in Helsinki on 'Where Theosophy Meets Krishnamurti' and about the Olcott Education Society in Adyar. Geshe Pema Dorjee from Tibet gave a public lecture in Helsinki about Tara. Altogether 12 Finnish members participated in The School of the Wisdom in Adyar. Lectures were held every Sunday in the Helsinki Headquarters Hall, and regularly in 16 towns around the country. Mindfulness lectures were held in Helsinki and meditation courses were held in the South

and East of Finland. Foundation Day and Adyar Day are celebrated every year. There are 14 theosophical libraries in different lodges, with the main library in Headquarters Hall with over 5,000 titles. Newsletters are sent to over 500 sympathizers 2 or 3 times every month. The TS was represented at several spiritual fairs in Finland and Estonia. TOS in Finland continued fund-raising and is supporting Olcott

Memorial High School, Social Welfare Centre and the Boy's Hostel in Adyar by direct donations. Kreivila theosophical centre hosts courses and is served by volunteers throughout the summer months. *Teosofi* magazine has 415 subscribers and is published six times a year. 70 copies are sent to public libraries free of charge.

Ms Marja Artamaa
General Secretary

FRANCE

There are 21 lodges, 3 study groups and 378 members in the Section. The main targets for the year have been fulfilled by continuing to dispatch theosophical teachings to the public, developing branch-work by planning, consolidating the structure of the organization, and by renovating parts of the Headquarters building. In Paris, the Alcyone group is applying to be chartered, free courses on basic Theosophy are offered three times a month, videos of Krishnamurti's talks are presented, and fortnightly public lectures are held. A seminar was held on 'The Golden Stairs', and a symposium on 'Evolution, Theosophical Perspectives.' A one-day seminar, 'From the Sense of Duty to Devotion,' was held about Annie Besant. Marseille celebrated White Lotus Day with a talk by the General Secretary on 'Life and the Human Phenomenon'.

In Reims two public lectures took place every month. The Orleans branch has been revived; members in Montpellier are young and enthusiastic, the Toulouse group holds regular study meetings, new contacts have been made in Nice and Lyon, and in La Reunion they are waiting for a volunteer lodge president. Traditional commemorations open to the public take place. The National Convention theme was, 'Self-Knowledge, a Voyage without an End.' The magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* is published ten times a year. The bookshop and the Section's library serve the members and the public alike. The main targets for 2014 are: developing of TS work in the provinces, consolidating work at the Headquarters, and hosting the 37th European Congress.

Ms Trân-Thi-Kim-Diêu
General Secretary

GERMANY

There are 107 members in 7 lodges and one study centre. The last North-Germany meeting took place in Schnakenbeck. The Summer School theme was 'Theosophy

— Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,' with Ms Mary Anderson as the guest of honour. The Southern Meeting was held in Regensburg and was visited by the

Austrian General Secretary, Mr Albert Schichl. All seven lodges meet regularly. The Library has moved to Regensburg. As a part of the TOS activities, two healing groups have been started. The

swastika has been removed from the Theosophical Seal because using the swastika in Germany is forbidden by law.

Mrs Manuela Kaulich
General Secretary

GREECE

There are 11 lodges and two study groups in the country, with 231 members — an increase of 7. Besides holding regular meetings, the lodges celebrated Foundation Day, White Lotus Day and Adyar Day. The magazine *Ilisos* is published four times a year. It is given free to

all members. *The Secret Doctrine* volume III, Occultism, is being translated. A new study group has been formed in Crete and the study group in Thessaloniki has been dissolved.

Mr Theodoros Katsifis
General Secretary

ICELAND

There are 408 members in nine lodges — seven in Reykjavik and two in the country. The Summer School was held near Reykjavik, with the theme: 'There is no Religion Higher than Truth'. There were 46 meetings in the capital this year, with a regular attendance of 40-60. Some of the themes were: 'Science and Reality', 'The Roots of Icelandic Culture', 'Everyday Zen', 'On Insight and Alert Awareness', 'Towards the Unknown', 'Quantum Physics and Religious Cosmology', 'Stravinsky's

Le Sacre du Printemps' 100 Years.' The Theosophical journal *Gangleri* is published bi-annually to be sold to over 700 subscribers. The newsletter *Mundilfari* carries news of the TS activities three times a year. The website of the TS is www.lifspekifelagid.is. It is both in English and Icelandic. Due to the effects of the financial crisis, Iceland is still unable to pay the annual fees to Adyar.

Mrs Halldor Haraldsson
General Secretary

INDIA

There are now 459 lodges in the Section with five new lodges added this year. The membership decreased by 144 to 11,569. There are 12 Federation journals published regularly. The 122nd Indian Section Convention was inaugurated by the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, and chaired by the international Vice-President, Mr M. P. Singhal. In the

Section Headquarters the birthday of Dr Annie Besant and the 137th Foundation Day were celebrated along with Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. A special edition of *The Indian Theosophist* has been published commemorating the 125th anniversary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine*. Twenty public lectures were organized, and a symposium on

'To What Extent are Human Beings Responsible for the Disasters Caused by Nature' was conducted. A North-India study camp took place on 'Human Regeneration' in Varanasi in October, with 94 delegates from 13 Federations. A conference on 'Ethical Globalization' was organized in March. The next environmental awareness program took place in August with the participation of the Green Eco Movement Society. The 150th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated by the Indian Section with the Ramakrishna Mission in September. Regular study camps were held in Bhowali, where the construction of the building has been completed. The 90th South India Conference took place in Adyar in March. Its theme was '*The Secret Doctrine — A Synthesis of Science, Religion, and Philosophy*'. Mr S. Sundaram, the General Secretary, delivered the welcome address. He was the chief guest at the 48th Annual Conference of the Utkal Theosophical Federation. Mr Sundaram delivered the inaugural address in Davangere at the golden jubilee celebration of the Sri Krishna Lodge, on 'Love and Service: Twin Stars of the Brotherhood'. He inaugurated the new lodge building at Hosadurga and visited lodges in Hulyar and Tumkur. Mr Sundaram was invited to speak in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack on 'The Essence of Revolution' and 'From Individual to Indivisible'. The Joint General Secretary, Dr N. C. Ramanujachary, visited several lodges during the year — Vijayawada, Chitradurga, Kakinada, the Delhi Federation Headquarters, Noida Lodge, three lodges of the Marathi

Federation, and the Devanahalli School of Ancient Wisdom, and conducted two study camps at Bhowali. National lecturer Prof. C. A. Shinde went on a lecture tour with Mr Ricardo Lindemann; he also visited Lucknow, Allahabad, the Karnataka Federation's annual conference, three lodges in Assam and Bengal, and spoke during the centenary celebration of the Marathi Federation. National lecturer Mr P. K. Jayaswal directed a class in The School of the Wisdom on 'The Science of Yoga', visited Madhya Pradesh and the Rajasthan Federations, and led a study class in Bhowali. National lecturer Mr B. D. Tendulkar visited the Utkal Federation, Noida, Delhi, Varanasi, Nagpur, and the International Headquarters in Adyar for the golden jubilee of the Theosophy Science Group; he also visited Dharwad and Bangalore. Mr N. C. Krishna gave talks in Bellary, conducted a study camp in Secunderabad, he also visited Trivandrum, Visakhapatnam and Trichur. He spoke in Bhubaneswar at the International Convention and at the South India Conference. Dr L. Nagesh was a speaker at the symposium 'An Enquiry into Re-generation' at the 90th South Indian Conference, the annual conference of the Karnataka Federation, and in Chintamani. Among the many visitors there was a group of students with their teachers from Chicago, the renowned scholar of Indian philosophy, Prof. P. K. Mukhopadhyaya, and students from Christ Nagar. *The Indian Theosophist*, the journal of the Section, was published every month in 3,500 copies.

Mr S. Sundaram
General Secretary

INDONESIA

The Indonesian Section has not sent any report for the last 4 years. After much correspondence, Ms Lydia Harsono, newly appointed Treasurer, has sent a communication that the first Treasurer has become old with loss of memory and the second Treasurer has resigned but has not handed over all the files. She further states that the fees for 2009-12 could not be sent to Adyar. Fees for 2013 plus a

donation has been sent by her to the Treasurer in Adyar on 19-02-2014. She states that there are 208 members in 14 Lodges of the Indonesian Section but the details have not been provided. No reports from the General Secretary have been received despite many reminders.

Ms Lydia Harsono
Treasurer

ITALY

There are 34 lodges, 19 study centres and 1035 members in the Section. Many groups are connected by the ITS web portal, <http://www.teosofica.org> which has over 3,000 visitors every month. It contains information about activities and videos of theosophical conferences. The Italian section publishes *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* in 1,300 printed copies, while the monthly newsletter is emailed to over 2,000 people. Edizioni Teosofiche Italiane — <http://www.eti-edizioni.it> — has made an agreement with the Theosophical Publishing House in Adyar and has purchased the rights of several titles for future publication. They have already published *Cenni sulla morte* by Besant-Leadbeater, and *Glossario teosofico*, edited by P. G. Parola. A new edition of *The Secret Doctrine* and *Teosofia e società*

teosofica are going to be published soon. The topic of the traditional spring seminar was 'Evolution: Theosophical Perspectives.' 'The 99th ITS National Congress was held on the theme 'Karma and Theosophical Commitment.' A summer School of the Latin countries was held in Naarden with the subject 'From Knowledge to Wisdom: an open path on an endless voyage'. The Italian Section has strong bonds with the Adyar Headquarters, is active within the European Theosophical Federation, and participated with its representatives in the third international meeting of the TOS. The TOS in Italy supported charity initiatives in Italy, India, Pakistan, Burma, Kenya, and the Philippines.

Mr Antonio Girardi
General Secretary

MEXICO

There are 11 lodges, 7 study centres and 150 members in the Section. The

objective for the year was the creation of new groups and to find new people who

are interested in Theosophy. The Wisdom School has been directed by Ricardo Lindemann and the theme was 'Ancient Wisdom and the Purpose of Life'. Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, the 138th anniversary of the Theosophical Society, and the 94th anniversary of the Theosophical Society in Mexico have been celebrated.

Mexico participated in the International School of Theosophy in Brazil and in the Seminary Luso Hispanic of Theosophy with the theme 'Awakening of the Spiritual Conscience.' There are ongoing legal problems with the Society's three buildings.

Mrs Lissette Arroyo
National President

THE NETHERLANDS

There are 362 members in the Section in 10 lodges and 7 study centres. Foundation Day has been celebrated in the Amsterdam headquarters with a special meeting to promote the bookshop and the library that has over 21,000 books with an online library catalogue. An inspiring meeting took place in March for the Board Members of the Lodges and Centres in The Netherlands. Later, Ingmar de Boer, Resident of the International theosophical Centre in Naarden and Sabine van Osta, Board Member of the Belgian Section, spoke about *The Voice of the Silence* by H. P. Blavatsky. In May there were one-day meditative retreats. In June the Section worked with the ITC in organizing a seminar with Ravi Ravindra about the *Bhagavadgītā*. The

international Vice-President spoke on 'Living with Self-Awareness and Human Destiny' in August. In August I. K. Taimni's *Ultimate Reality* was published in Dutch as *De Siva Sutra*. In September the centenary of the Amersfoort Lodge's centenary was celebrated. The quarterly magazine *Theosophia* is also published on the internet at www.theosophie.nl. The Publishing House UTVN issued many new titles. The web site www.theosophie.nl is constantly updated, open for book orders, also carries the library catalogue. At the Headquarters two study groups have taken up *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters* for study.

Mrs Els Rijnaker
General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

The membership stands at 790. There are 13 lodges, including two new ones chartered on 17-09-2013, and 5 study centres. The President-Elect is John Vorstermans. The Annual Convention took place in Wellington with untiring help from the Wellington Lodge, and contemplated the topic 'To Know, to Dare, to Will

and to be Silent.' For the Convention in 2014 to be held in Auckland the topic is going to be 'Our Potential for Change.' The magazine *TheoSophia* is well received by members and guest readers alike. The *Vasanta Newsletter* informs members of the Section news. Dorothy Bell, from Australia, visited all the lodges and several

study groups, lecturing about 'Working with the Wisdom — a Living Power.' National Lecturers visited lodges and study groups throughout the country, stimulating interest in Theosophy. Two study groups are waiting to be approved as Lodges, and one lodge has been dissolved. The Southern regional group held a meeting in Nelson, the Central regional group held a seminar on 'How to be Free in an Unfree World: creating financial freedom in the 21st century.' Study courses held by the branches included 'The Process of Self-Transformation,' 'Foundations of the Wisdom Traditions' and 'Explorations of *The Secret Doctrine*.' Public meetings were held on a variety of theosophical themes, e.g., 'Human Consciousness and Climate Change,' 'Ancient Egypt — light of the world,' 'Comparative Religion and Human Transformation,' and 'The Power

of Sound.' Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Foundation Day, and World Interfaith Harmony Week have been celebrated. The website keeps attracting many inquiries. The libraries are planning to join together in virtual reality to provide readers with access to all valuable books. The New Zealand School of Theosophy held a session in July for the development of the ways of education. Members regularly participate in the Australian School of Theosophy. The TOS takes care of child sponsorships. The new year began with a visit from Linda Oliveira, National President of the Australian Section, and Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, under the auspices of the United Nations.

Ms Sandy Ravelli
National President

THE PHILIPPINES

There are 323 members in the Section in 20 lodges and 10 study centres. Due to increasing financial difficulties and the diminishing flow of donations, it became necessary for the Section to commission a Fundraising Team. Each year they organize a theosophical lecture followed by a concert. This year the donations are helping the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. The TSP General Secretary is sitting in the Command Room of the Philippine Government's Department of Health and in this capacity the TOS is represented. The Theosophical Publishing House Manila continues to publish the *Theosophical*

Digest, the *Peace Ideas Newsletter*, and 100 practical theosophical pamphlets ('What Happens when We Die?', 'The Hidden Side of Church Worship', 'Masonic Symbols', 'Education without Fear'). *The Theosophical Encyclopedia*, *Sharing the Light: The Collected writings of Geoffrey Hodson*, and other new books are in the press. The TSP maintains a very active e-group. The Section's Facebook page, with about 800 active members, exchanges opinions and publishes articles on Theosophy. The Besant Study Group on Facebook aims to train speakers on Theosophy. There are four more Facebook

groups of the TSP which help to promote Theosophy to a diffuse population with many dialects. There is an initiative to open the TSP web page to internet commerce for the sale of the *Theosophical Digest* and TS books. The TSP is using Skype for conferences with distant lodges. An internet version of the 'Self-Transformation' Seminar is being developed. The Section is creating internet libraries for the use of the lodges. Printed books continue to be of great importance. The TSP joined the biggest book fair in the country in Manila from where the Section can reach out to academic institutions, book retailers, library owners, students and researchers. Former TSP President Vic Hao Chin conducted several 'Self-Transformation' Seminars locally — in military and religious organizations, schools and public offices, patients and non-governmental organizations — and abroad (in Wheaton and in Ojai). The TSP is running the Golden Link College (<http://theosophy.ph/goldenlinkcollege.html>) which motivates students by awakening interest in the subjects; emphasizes the importance of life-skills (self-awareness, conflict resolution);

creates an atmosphere of care, fun and challenge; does not use grades nor compares students; involves the parents in the education of the children; encourages awareness of the larger picture such as the environment, the meaning of life, religion, and world peace. The TSP runs preschools for the poor in the most depressed areas of the country. Besides the one in the famine area of Bacolod, a new school is being planned in the Bohol earthquake area, and one in Cebu. There is one preschool in the slum area of Caloocan city and in the TSP headquarters building in Quezon City. The TOS had to respond to several disasters and military conflicts this year. Their assistance to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan became perhaps the greatest TOS international relief efforts of recent memory. Besides supporting members who lost their homes and families, the TOS shipped six 20-foot container loads of construction materials to the hardest hit areas in need of help. This effort could not have been possible without the selfless assistance of TS members worldwide.

Dr Roselmo Doval Santos
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

There are 138 members in this Section, with active lodges in Lisbon, Porto, Setubal and Evora, and one very active study group in the Azores. The Theosophical Society in Portugal has a new Headquarters building in Lisbon. In May Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu, Chairman of the European Federation, visited Porto, Lisbon, and Evora, and gave 3 talks on

'The Dharma of the Theosophical Movement', 'Crisis, Progress, Evolution: Which Perspectives?', and 'The Salvation of Humanity Resides in the Revolution in Oneself' at these 3 places respectively. The last talk was part of the town's weekly cultural program.

Mr Carlos Guerra
General Secretary

SPAIN

There are 310 members in the Section in 13 lodges and 5 study centres. In December, the subject of the meditation retreat lead by Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu was '*The Voice of the Silence*.' There were 45 participants. The same number of people attended The Jornadas Ibericas, with the topic 'Towards Happiness: the Four Noble Truths of Buddhism'. The Summer school was attended by 90 people and the subject was 'The Evolution of the Human Being through the Study of the Twelve Stanzas of Dzian in the Anthropogenesis of *The Secret Doctrine*.' The talks were given by Martin

Leidermann. The General Secretary went to different centres and gave lectures on different topics, e.g. 'The Initiatic Symbolism in the Life of Jesus Christ' and the first fragment of *The Voice of the Silence*. She spoke at the closing of the meeting of the French Section in Paris about 'Knowing Yourself, our Present Challenge'. The Theosophical Publishing House has published 6 books this year. The new General Secretary, Angeles Torra Buron, took office on 1st October 2013.

Ms Clarisa Elósegui
General Secretary

SWEDEN

There are 7 lodges in the Section, with an increase of membership by 16 to 163. Three study groups and one dialogue group were active in Stockholm. Public lectures were held on 'Knowledge and Consciousness', 'The Sufi Poet Rumi', 'The Way of the Heart', 'About Responsibility'. The Autumn weekend gathering studied *The Secret Doctrine*. The Spring weekend gathering had lectures on 'Investigating Unexplained Laws of Nature'. Later there were public lectures about 'Bhakti Vedanta,

the Way of the Heart', 'Can We Live Without Spirituality?' The subject of the Kreivila Summer School in Finland was 'Mindfulness.' In the autumn the study groups continued with Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*, *The Secret Doctrine* and 'Advaita'. A new study group based on John Algeo's introductory study course on Theosophy has also started.

Mr Pertti Spetts
General Secretary

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

There are forty lodges and forty-six Study Centres in the Section, with 3283 members — a decrease of 24 since last year. In sharing the theosophical world view the TS/USA has placed great emphasis on the Olcott Library, the quarterly magazine

Quest and the Theosophical Publishing House, which produces 10-12 new titles every year. Public programs take place every day at the Olcott national center. It has become apparent that methods of reaching the public and the members

have needed to change to adapt to contemporary expectations. Since the time of the last annual report, internet use has increased by another half a billion people, to over 2.5 billion today. The internet is being used to communicate with interested people around the world. For over two years online theosophical classes have been offered by the TS/USA, with an increase in the variety of classes and in the number of participants. The technological needs of the program are minimal and enable students from other parts of the world to ask or text questions to teachers in the USA in real time. TS Wiki (tswiki.net) has been launched as a collaborative online encyclopedia and is now becoming a theosophical resource worldwide. After the release of the first e-book last year, there are currently over one hundred titles available online. TS/USA is collaborating with other Sections to produce e-books of theosophical classics. National Secretary David Bruce reports that two new Study Centres have been certified. There are two other study groups awaiting the same. Mr Bruce continues to send free DVDs to lodges and study centres twice a year. Also supported by the Kern Foundation, the event, Olcott Experience enables promising members to visit the national centre for three days of training and motivation. The National Secretary has sent thirteen national speakers to forty-one presentations this year. The National Lodge with about 300 members is conducting Part 2 of The Secret Doctrine Symposium. Next year's course will be, Theosophy in Literature,

and TS members from other Sections may contact David Bruce on, natsec@theosophical.org. He continues to supervise the prison program where 44 prisoners are enrolled in courses, and 71 became members. Being part of the study groups has reduced reoffending by 11%. Besides maintaining and updating the website, the Information Technology Department has assisted website development for Theosophy Forward, Indralaya, and TS Brazil. The Henry S. Olcott Library continues to provide books and audiovisual materials to people all over the US. It hosts two weekly web seminars and there are video tutorials on the library web page. The Archive Department continues to preserve documents, photos and art works for the benefit of future researchers. The Public Programs Department has launched a redesigned Program Brochure in 2013, with three issues every year. It reaches about 200 people and is distributed at 50 locations. TSA has 5,000 friends on Facebook and 700 followers on Twitter. The Thursday evening programs included lectures on 'Celebrating Unity within Diversity', 'Grace and Gratitude,' and 'The Buddhist Path of Serenity and Insight.' Many of these programs are webcasted and available online in real time. The spring Weekend Meditation Retreat was led by TSA staff members, and the fall retreat by Ven. Ajahn Prasanno. An important event of the year is TheosoFEST, which was attended by over 1,500 people. There was a big expansion in the online classes and programs on offer to be further expanded

in the near future. The Theosophical Publishing House has published ten new titles this year. Quest books have been represented at the Book Expo America, the International New Age Trade Show and at the American Library Association Conference. Ten new books have also been published in foreign languages by Quest this year. *Quest* magazine issue themes included, Evolution, The Roots of Modern theosophy, Karma, Food, Love and Esoteric Order. The 2014 spring issue

is on Education to precede a large-scale conference on education organized by Mr Tim Boyd, the General Secretary. TSA hosted the TOS International Conference with participants from 18 countries. Next year two international events: the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, and Education for a New Humanity are planned. Spanish-speaking Sections are supported by providing subtitles and translations.

Mr Tim Boyd
General Secretary

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AMERICA, CENTRAL

The Regional Association of Central America comprises Nicaragua and El Salvador. H. P. Blavatsky Lodge in Nicaragua has 12 members and Teoti Lodge in El Salvador has 9 members. HPB Lodge held several seminars on 'Theosophy and Life', 'Helping the Dying', and the 10th meeting of the Caribbean Basin. Themes of conferences included, 'Justice and

Theosophy', 'The Psychology of Buddhism', and 'Symbols and Mysteries.' There was a lecture on Karma. The internal studies of the lodge included Theosophy and Ancient Wisdom, Awakening etc. Mr Issac Jauli visited the Lodge and spoke on various subjects.

Mrs Ligia Gutierrez Simpson
Lodge President

AUSTRIA

There are 49 members in three lodges. All three lodges offer weekly lectures, based on classical theosophical teachings and related subjects. Members receive the magazine published by the TS in Germany, 'Adyar', three times a year. Albert Schichl, Organizing Secretary, participated in

the European School of Theosophy in Naarden on 'H. P. Blavatsky and The Mahatma Letters'. The three lodges continue to face financial difficulties.

Mr Albert Schichl
Organizing Secretary

CANADA

(No report)

CHILE

The motto for the three lodges for this year was 'Spiritual Development, Source of Human Elevation'. The TS in Chile has a new e-mail address: sociedadteosoficachile2010@gmail.com. To make Theosophy known, they publish *The Chilean Theosophical Magazine*, distribute pamphlets on subways and by the internet, e-publish a Theosophical brochure, and have links

through a blog, Facebook, and Twitter. All three lodges met regularly this year. They studied *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Science of Yoga*. Public lectures included: 'Understanding the Idea of Unity', 'The Eternal Truth Applied to Everyday Life', 'What is Self-Knowledge', and 'What is Education'. Regular meditation

sessions were held with good participation. Workshops for members were held on 'Obstacles in Spiritual Awakening', and 'Freedom'. Ms Dolores Gago gave talks on 'Spirituality in Literature'. Members attended the Summer and Winter Schools in Argentina. The Headquarters building

was repaired with the help of the TOS International. Translation work continues; the library is open on Saturdays. The TOS in Chile is helping children and older people in need.

Mr Cesar A. Ortega Ortiz
Organizing Secretary

IRELAND

There are two lodges and one study centre in Ireland, with the membership having increased by 12 this year, to 71. The most important event was the All-Ireland Convention, held in May. The inter-national guest speaker was Ali Ritsema, who gave a lecture on Karma. The re-elected Organizing Secretary, Marie Harkness, had frequent contact with members through circulars with TS news, bi-monthly Study Notes, via e-mail and by telephone. Theosophical books and magazines are sent to members on request. Belfast Lodge held meetings every second Sunday, with meditation, talk or study — form books such as *Light on the Path*, and *Theosophy as the Masters Saw it*.

Some of the talks by members were 'The Limitations of Logical Thinking', 'Origins of the Sacred', 'Relative Belief', 'Ultimate Reality', and 'We are Spiritual Beings Having a Physical Experience'. Phoenix Lodge in Dublin held well-attended quarterly meetings with meditation followed by a talk or study, and a discussion. The topics were 'The Art of Meditation', 'How to Read Theosophical Texts', and 'The Divine Feminine and the Principle of Gender in Spirituality'. Coleraine Study Group meetings commenced with meditation to music, followed by study and group discussion.

Ms Marie Harkness
Organizing Secretary

IVORY COAST

(No report)

NORWAY

At the Training Centre of the Olcott Educational Society, a two-day workshop was held in May by Professor P. Krishna in Oslo, on 'The Ending of Conflict', jointly organized by the TS in Norway and the Krishnamurti Foundation in

Norway. The centenary of the foundation of the Theosophical Society in Norway (1913) was celebrated by inviting Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy in June and July. He gave lectures in Moss and in Marifjora on 'How to Study *The Secret Doctrine*,'

'Where Theosophy Meets Krishnamurti', and 'Doing a little good helps, howsoever little it may be.' A Facebook page has been created and managed by Andreas Mikael

Isberg as a virtual forum for theosophists in Norway.

Dr Saleh Noshie
Organizing Secretary

SCOTLAND

There are three lodges and 135 members. Many members are taking advantage of the Diploma Course in Theosophy which is run by the English Section. In 2012 sixteen members obtained their diploma. The Regional Association supports members financially for participation in the English and European Summer

Schools. Dundee Lodge offered a diverse range of events. Edinburgh Lodge hosted many interesting talks. Glasgow Lodge has several young members who regularly attend talks.

Mr Gary Kidgell
Organizing Secretary

SLOVENIA

There are 55 members in four lodges. These lodges study classical Theosophical books like *Light on the Path*, *At the Feet of the Master*, *Bhagawadgitā*, and *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, and practice right living, harmony, and self-awareness. All TS memorial days were celebrated. The Winter School took place in early March, with the theme 'On Knowing Oneself'. In June, the topic of the Summer School was 'The Light of the Wisdom'. The guest speaker was Bhupendra Vora,

who also delivered talks on 'Ethics and Morality' in four towns. An annual gathering with very good attendance was held, where the Organizing Secretary, who has been reelected for three years, delivered the Annual Report, followed by a music program. *At the Feet of the Master* has been newly published in December. The TS in Slovenia continues to support the Social Welfare Centre in Adyar.

Mrs Breda Zagar
Organizing Secretary

TOGO

The membership has increased to 26. The Section has three lodges. Amour Lodge studied *Self-Culture*, John Coats Lodge studied *Invisible Helpers* and *Mystic Life*, and the Krishnamurti Lodge is not participating in the activities of the Theosophical Society in Togo. The

National Convention was held in August, with talks on 'The Middle Way — A Royal Way', 'The Four Noble Truths', 'Towards the Temple', and 'The Tree and the Serpent'. Grogorie Ativon, priest of the Togo Liberal Catholic Church, gave a talk which was followed by a lively discussion. The

meditation hall was renovated with generous financial help. *Le Lotus Bleu*, *The Theosophist* and *The Australian Theosophist*

are gratefully received every month.

Mr Kouma Dakey
Organizing Secretary

UKRAINE

Ukraine has become a Regional Association in November 2013. There are four lodges and three Study Centres with 85 members, an increase of 13 this year. The Laya Centre has become a Lodge on 15-10-2013 subsequently. The Eighth All-Ukrainian Conference was held on 'The Practical Renaissance of the Brotherhood', with over 100 participants. The international Vice-President visited Ukraine and participated in the seminar on 'The Deeper Aspects of Life' in May.

The Summer School on 'The Evolution of Humanity' included talks, workshops, music, and literature. Volunteers cleaned and renovated the birthplace of H. P. Blavatsky to celebrate her 182nd birth anniversary. Altogether 6 seminars and 3 Round Tables were held. A website is active at <http://www.theosophy.in.ua>. The electronic magazine *Svitoch* (*Light Bearer*) has published 4 issues.

Ms Svitlana Gavrylenko
Organizing Secretary

URUGUAY

There are 48 members in five lodges. Every lodge held weekly meetings and studied *The Secret Doctrine*, *A Course in Miracles*, *Seven Lessons in Chaos* (Briggs and Peat) and *A New Earth* (Tolle); articles from *Sophia*, the Theosophical magazine of the Spanish Section. Comparative mythology was also studied and the film *Baraka* was screened. The Library is open

to the public three days a week and lends books to members. The TOS collects bottle tops in exchange for food given to animal dispensaries and helps providing wheel chairs for disabled people. There are free diabetes tests, and free Chi-Kung classes are offered by the TOS.

Mr Ramon Garcia
Organizing Secretary

WALES

There are 68 members in four lodges and one study centre. Bangor, Colwyn Bay, and Swansea Lodges and Holyhead Centre arranged talks twice a month for members and the public. The talks were sponsored by the Foundation for

Theosophical Studies and were well publicized. Among the guest speakers were Colin Price ('Theosophy, Corner Stone of the World's Religions'), Susan Bayliss (The Goddess Isis and HPB), Cynthia Trasi ('Entering the Silence, and Norse

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Mythology'), Wayne Gatfield ('The Art of Peace'). Colwyn Bay Lodge continued study of the English Section's Diploma in Theosophy Course, presented by Eric McGough. Swansea lodge members studied *Laws of Nature and Karma*. Conwy Lodge has not been active this

year. The *Esoterica* magazine published by the Foundation for Theosophical Studies is posted free to all members in the Welsh Region.

Ms Julie Cunningham
Organizing Secretary

PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

ASIA, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST

Mr Chong Sanne has been appointed as the Presidential Agent for Asia, East and South East, in November 2013, with 4 lodges and

570 members. Reports received from three Lodges prior to such appointment are summarized below:

NIPPON LODGE (TOKYO, JAPAN)

The Nippon Lodge has 51 members, an increase of five from last year. The subjects of regular meetings have been H. P. Blavatsky's *Cosmogogenesis* in Japanese translation, *Isis Unveiled*, and *The Key to Theosophy*. The members studied the theosophical synthesis of philosophy and religion to cultivate understanding of the profound tenets of Theosophy. The bi-

monthly *The Japanese Theosophist* continues to be published with Japanese translations of theosophical literature such as *A Textbook of Theosophy*, *The Secret Doctrine* vol. II, and *The Hidden Life in Freemasonry*.

Mr Taichi Yamaguchi
Lodge President

OLCOTT LODGE (MYANMAR)

Theosophical activities in Myanmar have been revived after a gap. There are 31 members in the Olcott Lodge. Members meet weekly for meditation and group study, inviting interested people, who can later be considered for membership. Subjects of the group study included 'The Secret Doctrine Study Course,' The *Bhagawadgitā*, and *Introduction to Theosophy*. The group watched videos

and web-casts about 'The Theosophical View of Life after Death', *At the Feet of the Master*, 'In the Nature of Light', 'God, Science, and *The Secret Doctrine*.' The lodge celebrated the centenary of the erstwhile Burma Section, Annie Besant's birthday, Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Christmas, and Wesak.

Ms Pyi Thane
Lodge President

SINGAPORE LODGE

The Singapore Lodge has 409 members, an increase of 3 since last year. To attract new members, the Executive Committee focused on *A Course in Theosophy and Meditation*. A significant event of the year

was the *At the Feet of the Master* Study Class reserved for the members and facilitated by the President of the Lodge. The well-attended classes used *Talks on the Path of Occultism* as a textbook.

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Talks and lectures organized by the Singapore Lodge included 'Modern Science and the Higher Self', 'HPB Speaks', 'The Other Side of Death', 'The Doctrine of Cycles', 'Talk on Suicide', 'The Nature of Psychic Abilities', 'Prayer and Forgiveness', 'The Purpose of the Theosophical Society', 'Angels and Fairies', 'The Mystery of Birth', 'Understanding Karma', 'The Wesak

Festival, and Was Jesus a Jew?' The Lodge screened videos on 'Theosophy for Everyone', 'Aging and Dying', 'The Vitality of Living Truth', and 'Blavatsky's Tibet'. Foundation Day, The 124th anniversary of the Singapore Lodge, and Wesak Day were celebrated by the Lodge.

Mr Chong Sanne
Lodge President

BANGLADESH

Bangladesh has 5 lodges, one centre and 188 members. Mr B. L. Bhattacharya was appointed as the Presidential Agent for

Bangladesh in November 2013. The report received from one of the Lodges prior to such appointment is summarized below:

OLCOTT LODGE

The lodge has donated books to poor students, saries to poor women, medicines and flood relief to flood victims, and has

provided help for weddings of orphans.

Mr Mahfuza Akter
Lodge Secretary

BOLIVIA

The membership has increased by 5 to 108. There are now eleven lodges and two study centres in the country. Commemorating significant theosophical dates has been the responsibility of the different lodges. Joint meetings were also organized on a variety of theosophical themes: 'Dharma', 'The Path of Service', 'The teachings of the Buddha', 'Spiritual Self-Realization', 'Advaita' and 'Practical Theosophy'. The National Meeting was held in the Cochabamba Headquarters on *Light on the Path*. Another National meeting took place on *At the Feet of the Master*. The National Theosophical Society meeting was held in La Paz. Its subjects were 'The Elixir of Life', and 'Is

the Desire to Live Selfish?' The public conferences in Cochacabamba dealt with subjects such as 'The Law of Cause and Effect', 'A Call to Humanity', 'The Meaning of Christmas', 'Reincarnation', 'The Occult Side of Alcoholism', 'Practical Numerology, and The unity of Life'. Visiting speakers were Isis Resende ('Justice and Theosophy', 'The Supreme Yoga of Wisdom', 'Life After Death', and 'Self-Realization through Love'), and Isaac Jauli Davila ('Self-Esteem within Personal Development', 'Sofia or Gnostic Wisdom in Each Human Being', 'Adam, Eve and the Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge', and 'Transmutation in Human Beings'). The study sessions from different

Cochacabamba lodges included *God, Man and the Universe*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *Ageless Body*, *Timeless Mind*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *Inner Life*, and *Karma*. Regular study groups were held on a basic Theosophy course, 'The Miracle of Birth', 'Restoring Balance', *The Voice of Silence*, and *The Secret Doctrine*. Two study groups in Santa Cruz are studying *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Book of Life*, and *At the Feet of the Master*. Study groups in Tarua meet three times a

week and study *Daily Meditations*, *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Theosophical Glossary*. The Oruro City study group meets weekly to study *The Voice of the Silence* and *Light on the Path*. Patricia Fernandez is donating all the fees of the piano/keyboard courses she is teaching. The Order of the Round Table meets monthly to develop the spiritual training of children.

Ms Teresa Wayar de Nuñez
Presidential Agent

COLOMBIA

There are 42 members in five lodges. Public lectures are held on Sundays on a variety of theosophical themes by invited speakers. The lodges continue studying the classical Theosophical literature. Among the workshops they offer introductory course in nine weeks — An Approach to

Theosophy —, with the participation of 35-40 interested people. Meditation courses are held regularly. Videos of Krishnamurti's talks are screened every month. Important Theosophical anniversaries are celebrated.

Ms Nelly Medina de Galvis
General Secretary

COSTA RICA

There are 64 members, an increase of 11, in five lodges, and there is one informal study centre. The lodges meet regularly and follow weekly study programs on classical theosophical topics. Ten people participated in the introductory course on Theosophy. The web page www.teosofia.cr.org faces difficulties due to a shortage of workers. Lodges celebrated the official dates of the TS, and also Wesak and the

anniversaries of their foundations. Due to financial difficulties, the Theosophical Centre is not functioning, but the building is maintained. Mrs Nelda Samarel, of the Inter-American Federation, offered talks in San Jose on 'The Most Important Thing', and 'Karma'; and in San Ramon, on 'Karma, the Law of Compassion'.

Ms Maria de los Angeles Orlich Soto
Presidential Representative

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

There are 34 members in two lodges — Atma in Santo Domingo and Aurora in Puerto Plata. The Spring School was

held in May with 40 participants. The guest lecturer was Isaac Jauli, and the theme, 'Entering the Sacred Path of

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Realization'. He presented public lectures in two other cities on 'Sophia, or Gnostic Knowledge in the Human Being'. Magaly Polanco visited the Dominican Republic several times. The Lodge completed the study of the *Bhagavadgitā* and began

studying *The Key to Theosophy*. Aurora Lodge was also active, where the *Bhagavadgitā* and *Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom* were studied.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Representative

HUNGARY

There are three lodges and 42 members. Two of the lodges are in the capital, and one, Eastern Lodge, is in the country. Their activities included monthly lectures, followed by open meetings on themes such as 'Introduction to Studying Theosophy', 'How to Read *The Secret Doctrine*', 'The Masters', 'As above So is Below', 'National Identity', and 'The Law of Karma'. There were lodge meetings on themes such as 'Taoism and the Ji-King', 'Meditation', and 'Esoteric Christianity'.

The Hungarian translation of *The Secret Doctrine's* third part (On Occult and Modern Science) has been published, and the complete *Secret Doctrine* is in the offing. Theosophical books are sold at public events, and are posted on request. The Hungarian branch of the TOS, MATESZ, has formed a spiritual healing group. The lodges celebrated White Lotus Day.

Mr Thomas Martinovich
Presidential Representative

PAKISTAN

(No report)

PERU

The two lodges have 28 members. Both lodges hosted public talks and video shows on 'What is Reality?', 'The Occult Meaning of Marriage', 'Meditation and Spirituality', and 'Bridging the Faith Divide' — altogether there were seventeen talks. Brother Isaac Jauli offered public talks on 'Is it Possible for the Human Being to Overcome Suffering?' and 'Entering the Sacred Path of Self-Realization'. A free

online course in Theosophy has been offered to the public. Lodges studied *The Inner Life; Man, God, and the Universe*; and different methods of meditation. Besides the official TS anniversaries, the lodges celebrated Christmas and the foundation of the TS in Peru. A web page has been created, www.sociedadteosoficaenperu.pe.

Mr Julio Gerardo Pomar Calderon
Presidential Representative

PUERTO RICO

There are 32 members in three lodges. Public lectures were held on subjects such

as 'Man and his Bodies', 'The Chakras', 'Reincarnation', 'Karma', 'The Four Noble

Truths of the Buddha', and 'The Will from a Theosophical Perspective'. Brother Isaac Jauli gave talks on 'Adam and Eve and the Fruit of Knowledge', 'H. P. Blavatsky and Early Gnostic Teachings', 'The Tasks of Hercules', and 'The Process of Realization'. He conducted an important workshop on 'The Project of your Life is the Project of your Death'. Lodges studied

Self-Culture and The History of the Theosophical Society and Theosophical Authors — compiled and published by a brother from Puerto Rico. Another lodge has completed *Theosophy: An Introductory Course*, and the third, is reading the *Bhagavadgitā*.

Mrs Magaly Polanco
Presidential Agent

RUSSIA

Six Lodges in Russia were made into a Presidential Agency in November, with Mr Pavel Malakhov as the Presidential Agent. There are 85 members. The members of the H. P. Blavatsky Lodge meet in Kemerovo. They held several seminars, e.g., on *The Secret Doctrine*, a Lodge Conference celebrated White Lotus Day, and held Sunday study meetings. The first Congress of Russian Theosophists held in April was organized for TS members and candidates on topics such as the social,

historical, and philosophical aspects of Theosophy, and organizing theosophical work in Russia. 22 reports have been read, and guidelines for developing the theosophical movement have been provided. Separate reports of work done in Sofia Lodge, in Moscow, and OM-Tara Lodge, OMSK, have also been received. Seminars on *The Secret Doctrine* were held and White Lotus Day was celebrated.

Mr Pavel Malakhov
Presidential Agent

SRI LANKA

(No report)

SWITZERLAND

The membership stands at 30. There are five lodges. Books by Krishnamurti, Taimni, Annie Besant and N. Sri Ram were studied. A seminar was organized together with the TS in Italy in March.

Ms Eliane Gaillard
Presidential Agent

VENEZUELA

There are two lodges and 16 members. Regular meetings were held, with meditation for peace and books by Annie Besant being studied.

Mrs Nelly Nouel
Presidential Agent

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

LOTUS LODGE (CROATIA)

There are 17 members in Lotus Lodge. Besides the Thursday public lectures, there are quarterly meetings. Some of the subjects studied were 'Man, Visible and

Invisible,' 'The Chakras,' 'The Secret of Instantaneous Healing,' and 'Awareness.'

Ms Nada Tepas
Lodge President

EL SOL LODGE (ECUADOR)

El Sol Lodge has 20 members. There is a study group of 7 members in Salinas, and one in Quito, with 5 members.

Ms Fatima Campos Cardenas
Lodge President

ARC EN CIEL LODGE (FRANCE)

(No report)

ANANDA LODGE (FRANCE)

(No report)

COVENANT LODGE (ISRAEL)

Tel Aviv Lodge has 78 members. There are 6 active study groups meeting once a month. Monthly three meetings were held at two centres with an average participation of ten. Some of the subjects were 'Awareness and Space', 'The Hologrammic Effect of H. P. Blavatsky's Doctrine', and 'The Everlasting Change'. Every month three meetings were held. Weekend seminars and excursions took place every 2-3 months. One-day seminars were held on 'Talking with God', 'The Cosmic Heart', 'The Meaning of Life', and 'Meditation'. Three

one-day conventions were held, open to the general public, on Courage, Truth, Love, The Magic of Simplicity, and Discovering Oneness in Diversity. Miss Mary Anderson visited the Lodge in October and held five talks. Two introductory courses to Theosophy were given, with ten participants. Two courses dealt with the emotional aspects of human beings. The magazine *Or (Light)* has had its 98th issue. There are 3,500 sympathizers on the mailing list.

Mr Abraham Oron
Lodge President

H. P. BLAVATSKY LODGE (QATAR)

(No report)

ORLANDO LODGE (U.S.A.)

The Lodge has 14 members, an increase of two from last year. Two meetings are held every month, with meditation, readings, study and discussion. The study of *Theosophy Simplified* has been completed, and *At the Feet of the Master* is being studied. Nature Sanctuary Day has been celebrated to promote Nature awareness and gratitude. The School of

Theosophy held classes in the spring and autumn. The website: <http://tso-orlando.org> — had over 52,000 visitors. The quarterly internet newsletter *Theosophy Today* reaches 1,245 readers. A Theosophy Healing Circle meets monthly for healing meditation and prayer.

Mr Carl Metzger
Lodge President

**DIRECTORY
AND
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GENERAL COUNCIL**

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MINUTES

of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held on Wednesday, 25 December 2013, at Adyar

PRESENT

Mr M. P. Singhal	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Ms Joy Mills and Mr Surendra Narayan</i>
Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy	<i>Secretary</i>
Mr T. S. Jambunathan	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mr Ebrony Peteli	<i>General Secretary, Africa, East and Central</i>
Mr Jack Hartmann	<i>General Secretary, Africa, South, and proxy for Africa, West, and England</i>
Mrs Linda Oliveira	<i>General Secretary, Australia, and proxy for Mr Keith Fisher, Argentina, and The Philippines</i>
Mr Marcos L. B. Resende	<i>General Secretary, Brazil</i>
Mr Marja Artamaa	<i>General Secretary, Finland, and proxy for Sweden</i>
Ms Tran-Thi-Kim-Dieu and	<i>General Secretary, France, and proxy for The Netherlands Portugal</i>
Mrs Manuela Kaulich	<i>General Secretary, Germany</i>
Mr S. Sundaram	<i>General Secretary, India</i>
Mr Antonia Girardi	<i>General Secretary, Italy</i>
Ms Angeles Torra Buron	<i>General Secretary, Spain</i>
Mr Tim Boyd	<i>General Secretary, USA</i>
Ms Sandy Ravelli	<i>General Secretary, New Zealand</i>
Mr Ricardo Lindemann	<i>Additional Member</i>
Dr Dusan Zagar	<i>Additional Member</i>
Mr Bhupendra Vora	<i>Additional Member</i>
Ms Keshwar Dastur	<i>Additional Member</i>

Present as Observers :

Ms Patrizia Calvi	<i>Italy</i>
Mr Wim Leys	<i>Netherlands, The</i>
Mrs Breda Zagar	<i>Slovenia</i>

The Vice-President welcomed those present. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the President Dr (Mrs) Radha Burnier, who passed on to peace on 31 October 2013.

A point of order was raised by the General Secretary, Africa, South, regarding Mr Jan Jelle Keppler's absence from the meeting. After discussion on the issue, the Council took note of the facts that the TS Board of Belgium had replaced Mr Jan Jelle Keppler by Ms Sabine Van Osta as General Secretary and that Mr Keppler had challenged his

replacement in the Belgian Court, the outcome of which was pending and decided as follows:

(a) To suspend the Belgian Section from participating in the General Council till the matter relating to who was its General Secretary was decided definitely.

(b) To suspend the Belgian Section from making nomination(s) for the Presidential Election unless the matter relating to who was its General Secretary was decided definitely by the end of 10 January 2014.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held at Adyar on 25 December 2012 having been circulated, were taken as read and signed after the omission of one proxy was rectified.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

The Secretary informed that the TOS International has been reimbursed the actual amount spent in connection with its International Conference.

3. Voting for General Council members

Re-election of Miss Joy Mills, Mr Surendra Narayan, Mr Bhupendra Vora, Mr Dusan Zagar and Mr Keith Fisher as Additional Members

The President had nominated Miss Joy Mills, Mr Surendra Narayan, Mr Bhupendra Vora, Dr Dusan Zagar and Mr Keith Fisher for re-election under Rule 2 of the Rules and Regulations as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016. The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For:</i>	<i>Against:</i>	<i>Abstained:</i>
Miss Joy Mills	26	2	7
Mr Surendra Narayan	28	0	7
Mr Bhupendra Vora	27	1	7
Dr Dusan Zagar	24	4	7
Mr Keith Fisher	23	5	7

Miss Joy Mills, Mr Surendra Narayan, Mr Bhupendra Vora, Dr Dusan Zagar and Mr Keith Fisher were declared elected as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

4. Report on the Non-English Publications Fund

The Secretary reported that the balance which stood at US\$ 107,448 on 30 September 2012 has increased to US\$ 111,332 on 30 September 2013.

The following were appointed as members of the Non-English Publication Fund Committee for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

General Secretary, France

It was decided that any request for a grant from this fund should be made to the Secretary.

5. Report on the International Funds

The Secretary reported that the balance which stood at US\$ 1,876,165 on 30 September 2012 has increased to US\$ 1,894,682 on 30 September 2013.

The following were appointed members of the International Funds Committee for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

It was observed that the returns on the funds were low and that efforts should be made to get higher returns without compromising the safety of the investments.

6. Report by the President on Headquarters

The work at the International Headquarters is going on smoothly. The Leadbeater Chambers has been renovated and a new lift has been installed. Several buildings have also been renovated and repaired. The old diesel generator set is being replaced and the Executive Committee has approved laying of a new tar road from the Library gate to Bhojanasala and repairing other tar roads within the campus. The River Path has been cleaned up and renamed as 'Radha Burnier River Path' and the walkers are being encouraged to use the river path. At the moment four persons from abroad are working in different offices at the International Headquarters, two of them are on employment visa and two others on tourist visa. The workers' wages have been increased by Rs.1,000/- in the previous year and Rs.500/- this year. The International Headquarters at Adyar needs competent workers from abroad as well as from within India. There is also an urgent need for strengthening the security for the International Headquarters filling up nearly 30 vacancies and inducting more security personnel by paying them suitable wages. The Adyar Library and Research Centre requires a full time Director and Research

Scholars to maintain it as a Centre of excellence. As not many volunteer workers are available to work at the International Headquarters, including the Library, Editorial office, Maintenance department etc, we may have to recruit competent persons by paying them adequately.

The late President had appointed a Committee on Administration of the Adyar Estate headed by the Secretary as Chairman and the Treasurer and General Manager as the members. The Committee is doing very useful work and the same is required to be continued.

The General Secretary, Australia, appreciated the provision of internet facility and suggested that there should be provision for hot water in the Leadbeater Chambers. There was general agreement to make use of solar energy.

7. Appointment of Executive Committee for 2014

The following Executive Committee members were appointed for 2014:

Vacant — To be elected	President (ex-officio)
Mr M. P. Singhal	Vice-President (ex-officio)
Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy	Secretary (ex-officio)
Mr T. S. Jambunathan	Treasurer (ex-officio)
Mr Surendra Narayan	General Council Member
Mr S. Sundaram	General Council Member
Ms Keshwar Dastur	General Council Member
Mr S. Harihara Raghavan	Member
Mr Narasimha Rao	Member
Prof. C. A. Shinde	Member

There was a discussion regarding the financial power of the Executive Committee and delegated powers of the General Manager and others. It was decided to increase the financial powers of the General Manager from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.30,000/-.

8. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013, which had been previously circulated, were considered and approved.

9. The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2015

The Budget for the year ending 31 March 2015, which had been previously circulated, was considered and approved.

It was observed by some members that the allocation for sanitation has to be increased in the future to improve sanitation in the Adyar Estate, for which services of consultants may be availed.

10. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2014

M/s Srihari & Co. were re-appointed as Auditors for the year ending 31 March 2014 on the same terms as before.

11. Discussion on work around the world

The General Secretary, Brazil, gave an account of work done in and around Brazil to spread Theosophy by the speakers travelling to different places and by the use of Skype, video conferencing etc. He also spoke regarding a plan for expansion and study of Dr Taimini's books using modern techniques. Mr Ricardo Lindemann stated about his visits inside and outside Brazil to give lectures on theosophy. He stressed the need for international lecturers, training centres and video conferencing. The Vice-President mentioned about decline in membership and spoke about his visits to Ukraine, Brazil, US and Naarden. He also spoke about the need for a standard format of reporting by different countries and a country map indicating theosophical centres. The Secretary pointed out that a standard format is circulated every year but several countries did not adhere to the format while sending the annual report. He further stated that the format is too elaborate and may need review. The General Secretary, France, spoke about her visits to both Russia and Ukraine. She stressed the importance of dissemination of theosophy, opening the mind of the people, and how that could be done by the way we lived and behaved. The General Secretary of India spoke about holding meetings at places far off from theosophical centres and about attracting new members and the younger generation.

The Secretary reported about recent grant of charters to 17 new lodges located in different parts of the world, creation of a Regional Association in Ukraine, appointment of Presidential Representatives for Bangladesh, Russia, and Asia, East and South East. The Secretary also brought it to the notice of the General Council that the Indonesian Section has not submitted annual reports for the last 4 years nor paid any dues for these years. The letters from the headquarters are not replied to and the receipt of the election circular has also not been acknowledged. The matter was discussed in detail and concern was expressed by many members of the General Council and various suggestions were given. It was decided to depute senior members from the nearby Sections to assess the situation in Indonesia before taking any further action. The General Secretary, Australia, also suggested that the Vice-President should write to the Indonesian Section on behalf of the General Council. Dr Dusan Zagar suggested that prompt action must be taken when divisive groups appear in a country instead of waiting too long. There was also a discussion about the Orlando Lodge presently attached to International Headquarters at Adyar. The General Secretary, US, stated that this position might continue till there was a change in circumstances.

The Organizing Secretary of Slovenia, who attended the Council meeting as an observer, gave an account of the activities in Slovenia. She also mentioned about the visit of the Chairman of the European Federation to the splinter group in Slovenia and the consequent misunderstanding. The General Secretary, France clarified that she attended the meetings in her individual capacity and it would have been unfair not to address a meeting when invited to speak on theosophy.

12. Any Other Business

a) The Secretary brought to the notice of the Council the Executive Committee's recommendation to award the Subba Row Medal to Dr (Mrs) Radha Burnier for her contribution to theosophical literature. The Council unanimously decided to award the Subba Row Medal to Dr (Mrs) Radha Burnier posthumously for her immense life-long contribution to theosophical literature.

b) The General Secretary, France, proposed that in memory of the past President, the General Council should institute a 'Radha Burnier' medal for rewarding 'spirit of service, dedication and abnegation'. After some discussion on the subject it was decided to work out the details further and take up this issue for decision in the next General Council meeting.

c) The Secretary brought it to the notice of the Council that the Theosophical Society was registered on 3-4-1905 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Subsequently, the Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975, has come into force and the Theosophical Society continues to be deemed as a Registered Society under the new Act. Section 15(4) of the new Act requires that a Committee member of the Society can have a term of 3 years only with provision for re-appointment. A doubt has been raised recently as to whether the term of office of the President of the Society for 7 years under the Society's Rule 9 contravenes Section 15(4) of the 1975 Act. After discussions, the General Council authorized the Secretary to take legal opinion in the matter and to seek exemption from the Government in regard to the term of office of the President.

d) The General Secretary, Australia, circulated a proposal for supporting wages at Adyar. She proposed that the interest accruing on the amount in the 'Adyar Security Fund' maintained by the Australian Section can be remitted once in a year to the TS Treasury for utilization towards increase in wages for workers at Adyar Headquarters and also for recruiting additional persons for specialized work. This proposal was agreed to by the Council. It was also agreed to examine the wages being paid at Headquarters with reference to the provision of minimum wages prescribed by the Government and circulate a proposal seeking assistance for wage revision to all the members of the General Council. The Treasurer informed that already a committee has been formed to

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examine the wage structure and the committee's recommendations as and when ready will be circulated by him to all the members.

Some members proposed that we should invite the prospective candidates for the Presidential election and listen to them before making nominations. There was opposition to this proposal by some members on the ground that all candidates were not available and such a procedure was not provided for in the rules. The Secretary informed that when the election process was on, it was not proper to change the rules and further, this Council might not discuss about the ongoing election when some of the candidates were present in the meeting while some others were not. After further discussion on the issue, it was decided to drop the proposal.

